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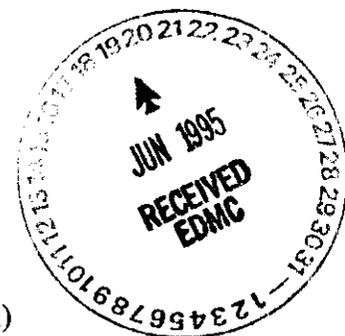


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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Shutdown of the Hanford Site Solid Waste Landfill (the Landfill)

This letter responds to the letter from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) regarding the proposed shutdown of the Landfill. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) concurs with the proposed shutdown date of March 31, 1996, and the interim operation of the Landfill before shutdown. However, for closure of the Landfill, the following activities must be carried out:

1) Contaminated Groundwater. Because contaminated groundwater has been detected beneath the Landfill, corrective action must be taken. Ecology approves *The Corrective Action Plan for the Hanford Site Solid Waste Landfill (DOE/RL-94-143)* (the Plan). The Plan shall be used to guide the remediation of the contaminated groundwater at the Landfill. 39477

2) Closure and Post-closure Plans. Based on the requirements of WAC 173-304-407, a closure plan and post-closure plan shall be submitted to Ecology by December 31, 1995. Chapters 6 and 7 of the *Hanford Site Solid Waste Landfill Permit Application (DOE/RL-90-38, Revision 1)* can be used in helping prepare the two plans. Upon Ecology's approval, the two plans will be used to guide the closure and post-closure activities at the Landfill. 3345

3) Corrective Action and the Closure Integration. Corrective action and closure activities for the Landfill shall be integrated to prevent duplicate efforts.

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4) Interim Operation and Monitoring of the Landfill. The Operational Plan for the Landfill should be followed in operating and monitoring the Landfill before shutdown. By the shutdown date, all operation activities at the Landfill shall cease and the Landfill shall have a 24" to 48" interim cover.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3091, or Fenggang Ma at (509) 736-3035.

Sincerely,



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