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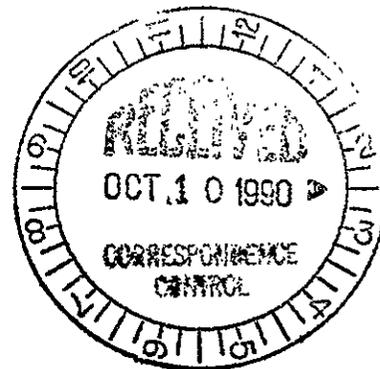
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Dear Messrs. Day and Nord:

## NOTIFICATION OF THE 3718-F UNIT CLOSURE

This letter is to inform you of Hanford's intent to close the 3718-F Alkali Metals Treatment Unit. Notification is hereby being provided under Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestone M-23-09, which requires that the State of Washington Department of Ecology and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency be notified of the operating status of this unit. The Department of Energy - Richland Operations Office has looked at alternative methods of alkali metals disposal, and has concluded that this facility will not be used to treat dangerous waste.

The development of a detailed Closure Plan is scheduled to be completed by December 1991. Because of this, it is requested that TPA Milestone M-20-18 (completion of a Part B Permit, including a Closure Plan) be reworded to request submittal of the Closure Plan and that a new date for the Closure Plan submission be negotiated. To that end, a Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Change Control Form, # M-20-90-2, will be provided on a separate transmittal.

Currently this unit is idle, and has not treated waste for three years. In addition, all waste stored or accumulated within this unit was removed to appropriate facilities more than a year ago.



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Questions should be directed to Mr. C. E. Clark, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office at (509) 376-9333, or Ms. C. J. Geier, Westinghouse Hanford Company, at (509) 376-2237.

Sincerely,

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