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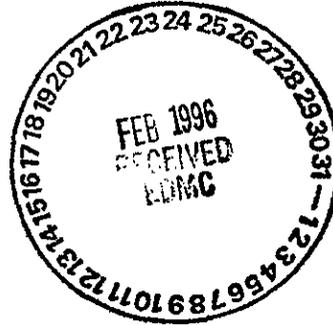
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen and Ms. Price:

Re: 4843 Alkali Metal Storage Facility Closure Plan

The Washington State Department of Ecology has reviewed the 4843 Alkali Metal Storage Facility (4843 AMSF) Closure Plan, Revision 1 (dated September 20, 1995), and determined it is complete and accurate in accordance with WAC 173-303 and applicable Code of Federal Regulations requirements. 4284

The closure plan was compared with the 4843 AMSF Notice of Deficiency Response Table, dated September 20, 1995, and was determined to be revised in accordance with the commitments, which were accepted in the response table. The closure plan is considered complete, and will be included in the Second Modification to the Facility Wide Permit, which is planned for the second half of 1996. Preparations for public review of the closure plan should be initiated. However, final acceptance of this closure is pending the public comment process. 42383

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Record: 4843 AMSF ✓