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Dear Messrs. Wisness and Bracken:

Re: Low-Level Waste Disposal Program Ramp-Down

In response to Mr. Wisness's letter of August 6, 1993, on the above topic, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) agrees that it is prudent to ramp down Grout Disposal Facility activities. In light of public concern and recent Tank Waste Remediation System negotiations, it is clear that the Grout program will not continue on schedules currently specified in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order. *30146*

We agree that the list of projects for ramp down identified in Mr. Wisness's letter is appropriate. However, because Grout will play an (emergency contingency) role in tank waste management at Hanford, we do not believe it would be appropriate to curtail the following activities:

- 1) ORR Compliance Assessment;
- 2) Work Package Development;
- 3) Fabrication of core sample transfer casks; and
- 4) Glove box design.



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If you have any technical questions regarding the above, please call Mr. Robert Cordts,
at (206) 459-6863.

Sincerely,



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