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Dear Messrs. Morgan and Raymond:

Re: Response to Concerns Raised in Ecology's Letter of August 11, 1994

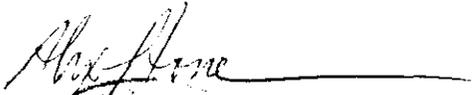
In a letter to the U. S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) on August 11, 1994, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) expressed concerns against the relaxation of control conditions at Tank C-106. Ecology felt it was necessary to set additional, conservative limits which would closely monitor conditions within the tank before controls were relaxed. Ecology would like to take this opportunity to thank both USDOE and WHC for their prompt response to these concerns. Within a very short period of time, USDOE and WHC representatives were able to provide a list of limits for the available tank data. Ecology considered it vital that, given the lack of real data concerning the structure of the tank's contents, Tank C-106 be subjected to monitoring that would be in addition to and more stringent than the normal tank farm operational controls or procedures. Those monitoring controls were formalized and made part of the documentation for relaxation of emergency conditions in Tank C-106 and adequately fulfill Ecology's concerns.



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Again, Ecology appreciates USDOE's and WHC's resolution of this matter, and we look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions, please call me at (509) 736-3018.

Sincerely,



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