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Mr. James Bauer, Program Manager  
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Dear Mr. Bauer:

Re: Letter, USDOE to D. Nylander, Ecology, "Reply to the State of Washington Department of Ecology Voluntary Compliance Letter Regarding Violation in the Transuranic Waste Storage Assay Facility," dated February 4, 1994

Thank you for your response letter, referenced above, stating the four corrective actions identified in the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) voluntary compliance letter dated December 13, 1993. Please note that completion of the corrective actions will bring the Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility (TRUSAF) into compliance with the items identified in the voluntary compliance letter. The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) must continue discussions with Alisa Huckaby, Ecology's TRUSAF Unit Manager, to resolve any outstanding issues with regards to interim status and final permitting requirements, e.g., Waste Analysis Plan language/requirements, waste repackaging at TRUSAF versus the Waste Receiving and Processing facility.

The following comments are in response to your February 4, 1994, letter:

1. Corrective Action #2: The recordkeeping problem at TRUSAF was that the package identification (PIN) numbers could not be cross-referenced to the *location* of a specific container within TRUSAF. Container locations could not be cross-referenced with PIN numbers to adequately locate each dangerous waste within the facility, per WAC 173-303-380(1)(b). During our investigation, it was determined that the Solid Waste Information Tracking System was not being used to track the location of containers within TRUSAF.

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2. Corrective Action #3: An alternate completion date of April 30, 1994, is acceptable. As noted above, USDOE and WHC must continue discussions with Alisa Huckaby to resolve any outstanding issues with regard to interim status and final permitting requirements.

I will perform a follow-up inspection sometime after the scheduled completion dates.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (509) 736-3024, or Alisa Huckaby at (509) 736-3034, should you have any questions regarding any items in this letter.

Sincerely,

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