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Dear Messrs. Rasmussen and Pratt:

Re: Follow up inspection of 224-T, Transuranic Storage and Assay Facility

Thank you for the assistance of U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) personnel during the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) September 1, 1994, follow up inspection of the Transuranic Storage and Assay Facility (TRUSAF).

The inspection was conducted to determine completion of four corrective actions identified during Ecology's November 18, 1993, inspection of TRUSAF, and to observe current operating conditions at the facility. The four required corrective actions were transmitted to USDOE and WHC by Ecology in a December 13, 1993, voluntary compliance letter. The corrective actions were:

- 1) To acquire and maintain emergency equipment in accordance with the TRUSAF emergency/contingency plan.
- 2) To maintain the operating record in a manner sufficient to locate wastes within TRUSAF.
- 3) To determine the dangerous waste status of all containers within TRUSAF and perform designation where needed.
- 4) To provide compliant secondary containment for container storage areas.

The corrective actions were found to have been satisfactorily completed, and the November 18, 1993, inspection is considered closed. Concerns involving the resolution of inventory

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discrepancies at TRUSAF will continue to be addressed through the permitting process. Also, Ecology will review the latest revision of the contingency plan when issued in October 1994.

Overall, the operational condition of the TRUSAF facility has improved substantially since the November 18, 1993, inspection. However, I expressed concern during the follow up inspection regarding two overpacked containers lacking hazardous waste stickers or labeling. TRUSAF operators applied the stickers during the inspection. All hazardous waste containers within the TRUSAF facility must be appropriately identified including labels indicating the contents as hazardous waste, where applicable.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3031.

Sincerely,



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