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Dear Interested Person:

This letter transmits information concerning the management of dangerous and hazardous waste at the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Facility. The management of some of this waste is, or will be, addressed in a Facility Wide Permit. A draft permit was presented for public review in 1992. Based on the comments received at the time, several major modifications were made and a second draft permit was offered for public comment in early 1994. The final permit, which has incorporated the second round of public comments, was issued to the U.S. Department of Energy and their contractors on August 29, 1994. The final permit has two parts. The first part is the *Dangerous Waste Portion of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Dangerous Waste*, and is issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). The second part is the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments Portion of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit for the Treatment, Storage and Disposal of Hazardous Waste*, and is issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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The information available at this time includes the two parts of the Permit mentioned above, a Focus Sheet, Ecology's Second Responsiveness Summary, EPA's Response to Comments, EPA's Fact Sheet, a revised Attachment 3 to the Dangerous Waste Permit and a new Attachment F to the HSWA Permit. Except for these two attachments, all attachments which accompanied the second draft permit will be used for the final draft permit. The Focus Sheet provides an overview of the Permit. The Responsiveness Summary, Response to Comments, and Fact Sheet provide the agencies' justification for Conditions within the permit, as well as responses to public comment received on the second draft permit.

Depending on the level of interest you have shown, you are receiving one or more of the documents listed above. The Ecology-issued permit has extensive attachments and therefore the attachments, in some cases, are not being mailed with the permit. The Focus Sheet provides details regarding where you can go to review these materials and who to contact should you wish to receive any of the documents not provided to you at this time.

Ecology and EPA appreciate your interest in this issue. You can contact Joe Witczak (Ecology) at (206) 407-7132, or Dan Duncan (EPA) at (206)553-6693 if you have questions.

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Enclosure(s)

