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Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
Environmental Assurance, Permits, and Policy Division
U.S. Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Class 1 Modifications to the Final Joint Permit for Dangerous Waste Research,
Development, and Demonstration Treatment and Storage Activity (RD&D Permit)

On September 3, 1997, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Class 1 modification package for the RD&D Permit (Permit WA7 89000 8967) from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), Richland Operations Office. Under the single regulator approach in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, Ecology has become the lead agency for the RD&D Permit.

Ecology has reviewed the proposed changes to the permit and has determined these changes are Class 1 changes under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-830 (4)(h), Appendix I(D)(1)(a and d) [40 CFR 270.42, Appendix I (D)(1)(a and d)]. Ecology grants approval to the changes to the closure plan.

USDOE may complete the closure of this unit, as required under the modified closure requirements. A certification of closure is required to be submitted to Ecology within 60 days of the completion of final closure per WAC 173-460 (6).

If there are any questions about this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3011.

Sincerely,

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