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April 21, 1998

Mr. James Rasmussen  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: B Plant Complex International Standards Organization (ISO) West Tank  
Administrative Closure

Pursuant to section 6.3.3 of the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order fifth and Sixth Amendment*, February 1996, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the ISO West Tank administrative closure certification documentation provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE). Documentation included the following:

- USDOE/RL-88-21, Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application B Plant Complex Part A Form 3, Revision 5
- SD-WM-RRR-013 *B Plant Organic Removal Readiness Checklist*
- Letter from James E. Rasmussen, USDOE, to Jerry Leitch, EPA, "Notice of Construction (NOC) to Operate the B Plant Organic Solvent Transfer and Storage System," 96-EAP-324, dated September 4, 1996
- B Plant Operating Procedure (POP) WP-B-97-005, Revision A, Modification 0, Transfer Organic to ISO Tank
- B-Plant Organic Storage Tank Off-loading Critical lift Procedure, Impact Level S, Revision 1
- B Plant POP BO-040-002, Revision G, Modification 0, *Perform General Surveillance*
- B Plant POP WP-B-097-015, Revision A, Modification 0, *Transfer Organic from Storage Tank to Tanker*

Based on the content of the documents provided, Ecology agrees that the ISO West Tank did not store dangerous waste. As a result, it is appropriate to procedurally close the tank and modify the B Plant, Part A. A public comment period of 45 days is required to complete closure requirements.

Mr. James Rasmussen

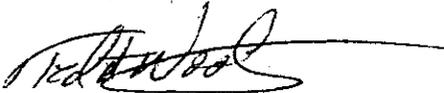
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Final approval of this procedural closure is contingent upon resolution of any comments received during the public comment period. Revision of B Plant, Part A, Form 3, to exclude this tank may occur after completion of the public involvement process.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at (509) 736-3012.

Sincerely,



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