



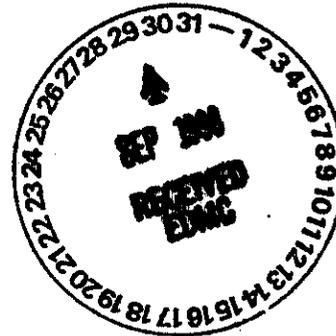
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September 22, 1998

Mr. Marvin J. Furman, Project Manager  
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Dear Mr. Furman:

Re: Letter 'Comments on "Results of Phase I Groundwater Quality Assessment For Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas B-BX-BY at the Hanford Site," February 1998 (PNNL-11826)' dated September 4, 1998

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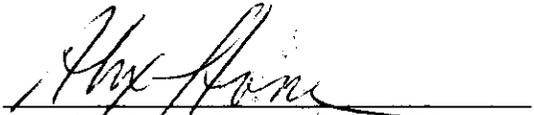
The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates being informed on the expected dates for a response from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) for its comments on the above referenced document and looks forward to receiving a response on November 2, 1998. However, Ecology wishes to note that the above document is not currently identified in the Hanford Federal Facilities Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) as a primary document, which explains the timing of Ecology's responses. If USDOE would like to discuss the possibility of adding these documents to the HFFACO as primary documents as defined in Section 9.1, please contact Ecology and we can discuss the issue.

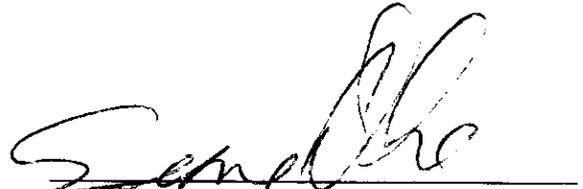
As yet, neither USDOE nor its contractors have contacted Ecology to discuss any of its comments. Ecology requests, should any meetings along this line be needed, that USDOE provide ample notification so Ecology can ensure that all parties involved in commenting on the document are present. Until that time, Ecology looks forward to the responses from USDOE and will assist in any manner possible to provide a quick and detailed response to questions raised. Ecology is very concerned about the current status and movement of contamination from the tanks storing highly radioactive waste at Hanford and places great emphasis on a quick and technically defensible resolution of these complex issues.

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If you have any questions on this issue, please contact either Alex Stone (Storage) at (509) 736-3018 or Suzanne Dahl (Disposal) at (509) 736-5705.

Sincerely,

  
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