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Mr. James Rasmussen  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Approval of the Procedural Closure of the B Plant International Standards  
Organization (ISO) West Tank

In April 1998, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a letter (*B Plant Complex International Standards Organization West Tank Administrative Closure* dated April 21, 1998) to the United States Department of Energy regarding the status of the procedural closure of the ISO West Tank. At that time, the only outstanding requirement for closing the tank was completing public involvement activities pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-610.

A 45-day public comment period began June 1, 1998, and ended July 15, 1998. All comments received from the public were in support of closure and re-use of the tank. Based on the results of public involvement, Ecology is granting final approval of the administrative closure of the ISO West Tank.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-5704.

Sincerely,

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