

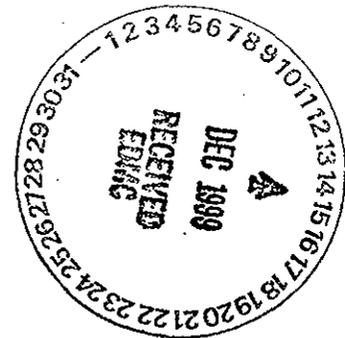


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Mr. Steven H. Wisness, Director
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

Re: 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment Closure Phase 3 of 3

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed and evaluated Phase 3, the final phase for closure strategy for the 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System Closure. Ecology has no additional comments on the Phase 3 Decontamination and Inspection Plan (DIP).

Ecology tentatively approves Phase 3 of this closure. However, Phase 3 closure activities are being carried out prior to completion of the public review and comment process, which must be completed before Ecology can provide final approval. Be aware that the public review process may result in changes to the existing closure plan.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

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