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Dear Messrs. Templeton and Rasmussen:

Re: 327 Building Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) Identification in the Waste Information Data System (WIDS)

Thank you for providing a tour of the 327 Building and the containment vessel information, requested by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology has reviewed the information and believes there are at least nineteen (19) areas within the 327 Building comprised of cells, basins, rooms, and systems which consist of or contain solid waste management units. Recognizing that parts of the 327 Building are undergoing transition at different rates, it is requested that the SWMUs contained in the 327 Building be entered into the Hanford WIDS as "sub-sites" of the 327 Building. By this method, the existence and status of the SWMUs can be tracked by the centrally maintained database that Ecology and the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) have agreed upon until such time as the final disposition of the site is resolved.

Ecology requests that USDOE respond to this letter with a proposal, including a schedule, which describes how the 327 Building SWMU information will be submitted to the designated custodian of WIDS (the Richland Office, Environmental Restoration Program's Contractor, Bechtel Hanford, Inc.).

If you have any questions, please contact Alisa Huckaby at (509) 736-3034.

Sincerely,

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