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Mr. David B. Van Leuven
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Dear Messrs. Klein and Van Leuven:

Re: Procedural Closure of the 437 Maintenance and Storage Facility (T-4-1)
and of the Sodium Storage Facility and Sodium Reaction Facility (TS-4-1)

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed reviewing the information submitted for procedural closure of the 437 Maintenance and Storage Facility (MASF) and of the Sodium Storage Facility and Sodium Reaction Facility (SSF & SRF).

Based on the information submitted by the United State Department of Energy/contractors and research of historical data conducted by Ecology, Ecology agrees that a procedural closure of both units is appropriate, as outlined in Section 6.3.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement.

Ecology public involvement personnel have drafted a schedule to proceed with closure of both units. The public information newspaper advertisement will run on August 3, 2003, and the public comment period is scheduled to commence on August 4, 2003. The 45-day public comment period will end on September 18, 2003. After the public comment period has been completed, Ecology will communicate the final decision within 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Greta Davis at (509) 736-3025 or Jeff Ayres at (509) 736-5717.

Sincerely,

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