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Dear Messrs. Klein and Gallagher

Re: Inspection of the Central Waste Complex

Thank you for the assistance of the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) and Fluor Hanford Incorporated (FH) personnel during the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) November 18, 2003, inspection of the Central Waste Complex (CWC). This inspection reviewed interim status treatment, storage, and disposal requirements with focus on the training plan, building emergency plan, inspection plan, training records, inspection records, and the waste analysis plan.

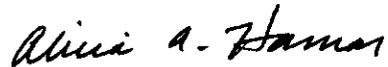
Ecology's inspection revealed no violations and one concern. Ecology is concerned that the operation of the accelerated process line (APL) units currently at the CWC are not adequately described in the CWC Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit. The entire scope of purpose for these APL's has not been defined. To resolve this issue, please contact Jeanne Wallace at (509) 736-3019. Although Ecology considers this inspection closed, concerns should be addressed before they evolve into violations at a future date.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3032.

Sincerely,



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