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Dear Mr. Wilson:

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND
CONSENT ORDER (HFFACO) MILESTONE M-90-08 "INITIATE IMMOBILIZED LOW
ACTIVITY WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION"

- References:
1. ORP letter from R. J. Schepens to E. S. Aromi, CH2M HILL, "Request for Approval to Award Subcontract Number 23580 for Integrated Disposal Facility Project: Schedule B - Landfill Construction," 04-OPA-079, dated June 28, 2004.
 2. Ecology letter from L. Hoffman to R. J. Schepens, ORP, and E. S. Aromi, CH2M HILL, "Request for Temporary Authorization to Allow Rough Excavation of the Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF)," dated September 7, 2004.

This letter notifies the State of Washington Department of Ecology that the HFFACO Milestone M-90-08 has been completed. This milestone requires the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) to initiate construction of the IDF. Initiation of construction occurs when ORP issues an approval to start construction and the contractor commences excavation of non-critical systems within the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 disposal facility. ORP approved the award of the construction contract on June 28, 2004, via Reference 1 and rough excavation for the IDF was initiated on September 8, 2004, in accordance with the temporary authorization of Reference 2.

If you have any questions, you may contact me, or your staff may contact Delmar L. Noyes, Director, Tank Farms Programs and Projects Division, (509) 376-5166.

Sincerely,


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