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Mr. George Sanders  
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Dear Messrs. Knollmeyer and Sanders:

Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement or TPA) Interim Milestone M-89-02, Complete Removal of 324 Building Radiochemical Engineering Cell B-Cell MW and Equipment, November 30, 2000

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and reviewed the letter from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) dated December 8, 1999, regarding the USDOE's request for an agreed definition of the performance standards applicable to TPA interim milestone M-89-02. The intent of the USDOE's communication is to establish agreement with Ecology on the performance standards necessary to meet M-89-02. Ecology has reviewed this communication and acknowledges the following points:

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- The validity of making a distinction between excess equipment and equipment needed to complete either the closure or the overall deactivation of the 324 Building.
- The intent of milestone M-89-02 is to achieve removal of all historical process equipment that treated, transferred, and/or stored mixed waste(s).

Ecology understands that the main equipment remaining after this milestone is completed is associated with the B-Cell Spent Fuel storage system (i.e., two temporary fuel storage racks, fuel pin storage container, and fuel thimbles). Therefore, Ecology concurs with the explanations and determinations made which distinguish between "excess" and "required" equipment. Ecology is in agreement with the USDOE's clarification of the proposed language

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provided in the December 8, 1999, letter which defines the performance standard for the TPA interim milestone M-89-02.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Dr. Alex Stone at (509) 736-3018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Wilson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Wilson, Program Manager  
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