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Mr. John H. Browne, Jr.  
P.O. Box 13378  
Burton, Washington 98013

Dear Mr. Browne:

This letter transmits the Responsiveness Summary for comments received by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the proposed modifications to the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Portion of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Dangerous Waste Permit, Revision 7, October 4, 1999. Also enclosed is a copy of the RCRA Permit, the Applicability Matrix, and the Schedule. The issuance of Revision 7 has been a very slow and complicated process. I apologize for the delay.

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Ecology's official response in the enclosed Responsiveness Summary is short, as your comments did not request a specific action. However, many of us did read your letter. We share your concerns regarding the past waste management practices at Hanford, as well as the delays in cleaning up these U.S. Department of Energy sites. Comments from the public are valued and do make a difference in the decision-making process. Please continue to contribute, as you deem appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any of its enclosures, please contact me at (509) 736-5715.

Sincerely,

Laura Ruud, Permitting Specialist  
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Enclosures

cc: Administrative Record: RCRA Permit, Rev. 7