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Dear Mr. Wilson:

**TRANSMITTAL OF, "EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR THE INTERIM STABILIZATION OF THE HEXONE TANKS," BHI-01521 DRAFT A**

The transmittal of the subject document partially addresses steps four and five of the Hexone Tank Stabilization Schedule. This schedule was submitted through a letter dated June 26, 2000, to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), from the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office and Bechtel Hanford, Inc., in response to Ecology's Notice of Correction dated May 26, 2000. A revision to the report will include the results of the sampling and analysis events and a more detailed interim stabilization schedule if required as stated in step five. The deliverable date of May 1, 2001, is consistent with the schedule transmitted to Ecology on June 26, 2000, as amended by the Hexone meeting on March 14, 2001 (meeting minutes, CCN 087998).

Please provide comments to me on the attached document by June 1, 2001. Once comments are resolved and incorporated, the final document will be transmitted to your office for approval.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact me on (509) 372-2282.

Sincerely,

John P. Sands, Project Manager  
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Attachment

cc w/attach:  
T. Z. Gao, Ecology  
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Admin Record, H6-08 (Hexone Storage)