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Dear Mr. Wilson:

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO INTERIM STABILIZATION
CONSENT DECREE MILESTONE D-001-09, INITIATE PUMPING OF TANKS 241-BY-105
AND 241-BY-106

Reference: ORP letter from J. E. Rasmussen to M. A. Wilson, Ecology, "Proposed
Amendment to Interim Stabilization Consent Decree Milestone D-001-09,
Initiate Pumping of Tanks 241-BY-105 and 241-BY-106 Due to Good
Causes," 01-OMD-007, dated July 13, 2001. ✓

In the above Referenced letter, the Department of Energy (DOE) proposed an amendment
of the July 15, 2001, deadline for initiation of pumping of Tanks 241-BY-05 and 241-BY-
106. As explained in the letter, although pumping of the two tanks began on July 12, 2001,
the request for extension of the deadline was submitted out of caution.

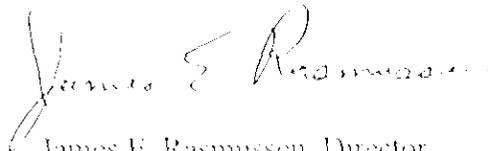
The Consent Decree "initiation of pumping" criteria for Tanks 241-BY-05 and
241-BY-106, Milestone D-001-09, was completed on July 14, 2001. During the initial
72-hour period of operation, BY-105 pumped at an operating efficiency of 95% and
removed 2300 gallons of waste. BY-106 pumped at an operating efficiency of 92% and
removed 1900 gallons of waste.

Because the initiation of pumping Milestone D-001-09 was completed on time, an
amendment to the Consent Decree deadline of July 15, 2001, is no longer necessary. As a
result, DOE hereby withdraws the request for an amendment.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Deborah J. Williams, Operations and Maintenance Division, (509) 376-8488.

Sincerely,



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