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Dear Mr. Wilson:

RESPONSE TO ECOLOGY APPROVAL FOR STABILIZATION OF THE HEXONE
STORAGE AND TREATMENT FACILITY

Reference is made to Ecology letter to P. M. Knollmeyer, RL, and M. C. Hughes, BHI, from Bob Wilson, "Approval for Stabilization of the Hexone Storage Treatment Facility," dated December 13, 2001. In this letter item 2 required the submittal of a revised Hexone Storage Treatment Facility (HSTF) RCRA closure plan. 55994

The original M-20-27 HSTF Milestone called for a closure plan, which was completed in November 1992. However, since then, the tanks have been inactive and are managed as interim status units under the RCRA Permit. Attachment 27 of the permit calls for inclusion of a closure plan into the permit by 2002. However, as the result of a new prioritization initiative that will focus clean up efforts of the 200 Area's high-risk waste sites first, closure of the Treatment Storage and Disposal (TSD) unit would be deferred. A proposed date for the submittal of a revised closure plan for the HSTF will be addressed in the 200-IS-1 Work Plan and RCRA TSD Sampling Plan. The date for submission of this work plan is part of ongoing Tri-Party Agreement negotiations for the Central Plateau. DOE anticipates an M-13 milestone will be established for submittal of the work plan via these negotiations, which are scheduled to be completed by January 31, 2002. The date for submittal of the revised closure plan will be proposed as an milestone under M-20 once the work plan and its associated schedule have been approved by Ecology.

This approach for establishing target dates under M-20 is also being addressed as part of DOE's negotiations with Ecology on Attachment 27 to the Dangerous Waste Portion of the Hanford Facility RCRA Permit.

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If there are any questions, please contact me on (509) 372-2400, or your staff may contact Paul Valcich, Plateau Transition Division, on (509) 373-9947.

Sincerely,



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