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Re: Notice of Final Decision on the Amendment to the *324 Building Radiochemical Engineering Cells, High-Level Vault, Low-Level Vault, and Associated Area Closure Plan, Revision 3*

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Department of Ecology invited public comment on the amended 324 Building closure plan. The draft plan proposes clean closure of the 324 Building radiochemical engineering cells, high-level vault, low-level vault, and other associated areas of the facility by removing mixed waste units during facility decommissioning and demolition. If clean closure is not possible, the building will be placed in post-closure care status. A 45-day public comment period ran January 17, 2006 through March 6, 2006. A public hearing was not requested during the comment period.

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Ecology has completed the public involvement process for the 324 Building radiochemical engineering cells, high-level vault, low-level vault, and other associated areas of the facility closure plan. The comments received will not require further modifications to the document. Therefore, the amended closure plan will be issued as presented for public review. The final decision will become effective 30 days after issuance of this notice.

If you have any questions, contact me at 509-372-7931.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Wallace
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