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Re: *Approval of Recovery Plan for the Low-Level Waste Fraction of Retrievably Stored Waste Sampling and Analysis Plan*

Dear Mr. McCormick:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reviewed the subject document, and we concur that the Department of Energy (DOE) is appropriately responding to concerns related to potential free liquids in the non-transuranic waste fraction of the Plutonium Finishing Plant debris stream retrieved from Low-Level Burial Ground 218-W-4C. We know that this was not the original path identified for this waste stream, and we will continue to work with DOE to disposition this and similar wastes in the future.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (509) 376-3883.

Sincerely,

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