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Dear Mr. Klein:

Re: Response to Hanford Effluent Treatment Facility Delisting Petition

Ecology has completed its final review of the Hanford Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) Delisting Petition dated November 29, 2001, that was submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office (USDOE-RL) to the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program on May 27, 2004; the draft proposed exclusion rulemaking prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA); and additional information provided to Ecology on August 2, 2004.

Tentative approval of the petition was public noticed for 45 days in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-910(3), beginning on August 30, 2004. Comments were received from one person, David Blumenkranz, and considered prior to our final decision.

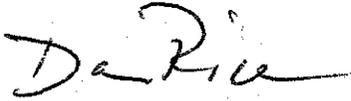
Ecology cannot exclude any federally regulated wastes that have not first been excluded by EPA; thus, approval of the petition that was submitted to Ecology is limited to the same wastes (treated effluents) that are excluded by EPA in their final rule for the Hanford ETF, published as 69 Federal Register (FR) 42395 on August 3, 2005.

Ecology is hereby approving the petition, limited to the same wastes that are excluded by EPA in their final rule, in accordance with WAC 173-303-910(3) subject to the following condition. This approval does not go into effect until the federal rule excluding the same waste waters goes into effect on Friday, September 2, 2005.

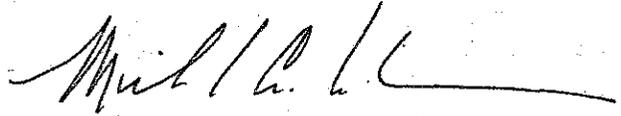
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If you have any questions, please contact Chipper Hervieux at (360) 407-6756 or  
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Sincerely,



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