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Mr. Michael J. Lawrence, Manager
Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

This letter follows our May 9, 1989 letter regarding the 216 A 37 crib discharge and our discussion of May 13, 1989. We recognize the importance of the 343 A evaporator to Hanford operations and the Hanford cleanup agreement.

We are willing to discuss all possible options for resolution of this issue. However, because of the time constraints, we request that this issue be assigned top priority immediately following finalization of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order.

I am requesting we proceed to discussions based on your commitment to me today that the 216 A 37 discharge will not be restarted prior to resolution consistent with the agreement. We have also agreed that all pertinent information requested or received by Ecology regarding this issue will be treated as new information under Article XLVI, paragraph 126 of the Agreement.

You have my assurance that we will make every effort to resolve this issue consistent with federal and state laws.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Director

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cc: Robie Russell, EPA

