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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Changes to the Surveillance and Maintenance Plan for Reduction Oxidation Facility (REDOX) (DOE/RL-98-19), B-Plant (DOE/RL-99-24), U Plant (DOE/RL-98-20), and UO<sub>3</sub> (DOE/RL-98-22)

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have received the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) request for changes in surveillance frequencies from quarterly to annual at B-Plant (Ecology lead), U Plant and UO<sub>3</sub> (Ecology and EPA co-lead) and REDOX (EPA lead) facilities, dated October 17, 2001. Based on the reviews and findings, Ecology and EPA both believe that the reduced surveillance frequency at the above facilities will not increase the risk of contamination spread. Therefore, Ecology and EPA approve the requested changes. Enclosed are the signed NPL Agreement/ Change Control Forms for B-Plant, U Plant, UO<sub>3</sub> and REDOX facilities for your record.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-5718.

Sincerely

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Enclosures

cc: Rick Bond, Ecology  
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