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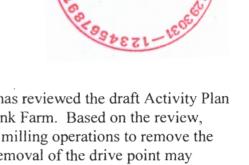
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Dr. David S. Shafer U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, MSIN: S7-54 Richland, WA 99352

Dear Dr. Shafer:



The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the draft Activity Plan for the extension of Borehole 41-09-39 at the SX Tank Farm. Based on the review, Ecology authorizes USDOE to begin mobilizing for milling operations to remove the drive point from the bottom of the 7-inch casing. Removal of the drive point may commence on September 2, 1997. The modified Activity Plan, with agreed upon changes incorporated, is needed prior to Ecology granting permission to proceed with borehole drilling beyond the 7-inch casing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3046.

Sincerely,

Stan Leja

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Administrative Record: Vadose zone characterization

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