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February 20, 1997

Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Procedural Closure of the 324 Sodium Pilot Plant

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed information submitted for procedural closure of the 324 Sodium Pilot Plant.

Based on information submitted by Pacific Northwest National Laboratories and research of historical data, Ecology agrees procedural closure of the 324 Sodium Pilot Plant is appropriate, as outlined in section 6.3.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement.

A Focus sheet has been prepared and published in the Hanford Happenings, and will be mailed with the Hanford Update on February 26, 1997. Enclosed is a draft schedule to clearly define the processes which occur and the time frames in which they need to be completed. Upon completion of the 30 day public comment period, Ecology will address any comments received, and a final determination will be made.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

Greta P. Davis
Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosure

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**324 Sodium Removal Pilot Plant
Public Involvement Plan
Version February 5**

30-45-Day Advance Notice <i>Hanford Happenings</i>	Feb 10
Draft Focus Sheet First Review	Done Done
Draft Display Ad First Review Return comments	Feb. 7 Feb 7 Feb 10
Finalize Focus and Ad	Feb 10
Final Focus and Ad Review (Tildon, Mattlin, Jarvis, Mcattee, Davis, & other staff) Comments due	Feb 11 Feb 14
Final Final Focus and Ad	Feb 18
48 Hour Review by TPA PIOs	Feb 18-20
Place ad in Tri-City Herald (run dates March 9 & 12)	March 5
Mail Focus Sheet to Highly Interested List (in mail March 3)	Feb 26
Article in Hanford Update	April ?
Hanford Happenings	Feb 10 issue
Start 45-day Public Comment Period	March 12
End Public Comment Period	April 28
Start 30-Day Response Period	April 29
End 30 Day Response Period	May 29