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Dear Messrs. Wagoner and Trego:

The Washington State Department of Ecology accepts the closure certification for the 216-B-3 Expansion Ponds, finding it to fulfill the requirements of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-610 (6). This unit closure was conducted in accordance with WAC 173-303-610 (2) closure performance standards and the closure requirements contained in Part V, Chapter 8 of the Dangerous Waste Portion of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit (Revision 1) for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Dangerous Waste (Permit Number WA7890008967). Cleanup levels of the Model Toxics Control Act WAC 173-340, Method B and Hanford Site Background have been met allowing this unit to clean close.

Clean closure releases the owner and co-operators from the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for this unit. However, due to the proximity of other active TSD surface impoundments, groundwater monitoring activities will continue as stated in the closure plan. You are requested to resubmit Form 3 of the Part A for this unit stamped "CLOSED as of this date." In future modifications of the Facility Wide Permit, Ecology will indicate this unit was clean closed as of this date at the following three locations:

In the Table of Contents, Part V, for the 216-B-3 Expansion Ponds

In Attachment 27 (the Permit Modification Schedule) at the 216-B-3 Expansion Ponds entry

On the first page of Chapter 8 of Part V



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Congratulations! This is one of the first three units to have met the closure requirements and met them on the Facility Wide Permit's schedule. Ecology looks forward to many more successes such as this. If you have any questions or concerns, call Moses Jaraysi at (509)736-3016, or Jeanne Wallace at 736-3019.

Sincerely,



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