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Mr. Steve Wisness
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

Re: Suspension of Grout Vault Construction; M-01

Per your letter of January 25, 1993, the Department of Ecology agrees that it would be prudent to suspend construction activities on Grout Vaults 106-109 (TPA Milestone M-01-02A) until the overall picture for tank waste remediation has become more complete. In this instance, we concur with the citations utilized in your January 25 letter concerning the allowability of a temporary hold on activities while the agencies consider whether or not a "course modification" is appropriate.

We agree that it is also appropriate at this time to move forward on utilizing the existing four grouts. It is our present expectation that you would not move to fill those grout vaults until sometime in Summer 1993 at the earliest. We do need you to provide us a minimum of two months advance warning of any anticipated date in which you might actually start to pour grout. We will let you know promptly if our position changes concerning the existing four vaults.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (206) 438-7021.

Sincerely,

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