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Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Letter, James E. Rasmussen to Michael A. Wilson, "Completion of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-44-15E," 01-TOD-T026, dated September 27, 2001

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Letter, James E. Rasmussen to Michael A. Wilson, "Completion of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-44-16E," 01-TOD-T025, dated September 27, 2001

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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the referenced letters and agrees that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE), Office of River Protection (ORP) has met Tri-Party Agreement milestones M-44-15E and M-44-16E, due September 30, 2001.

Ecology staff monitored the progress of field activities supporting deliverables listed in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2001 Characterization Technical Sampling Basis – Waste Information Requirements Document (TSB-WIRD), including changes noted in quarterly reports for the first three quarters (see reference 01-TOD-026). Those activities were completed satisfactorily. Ecology staff will resume reviewing data compiled for the sampling/analysis events when USDOE grants secured access to the Tank Characterization Database (see reference 01-TOD-T025).

Ecology agrees with the proposal made by ORP and its Tank Farms Operations Contractor, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. concerning documentation of field activities. ORP may submit documentation establishing completion of FFY 2001 fourth quarter field activities in the TSB-WIRD fourth Quarterly Status Report. Ecology expects to receive that report by October 30, 2001 (see reference 01-TOD-T026).

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Deborah Singleton at (509) 736-5722.

Sincerely,

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