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Dear Interested Citizen:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), Nuclear Waste Program, has made a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Determination of Nonsignificance

Ecology is proposing to approve the Dangerous Waste Permit Part "B" Application (Chapter 173-303 WAC) for the Plutonium-Uranium Extraction (PUREX) Storage Tunnels. The unit is located in the southeast quarter of the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site, in the SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian. The PUREX Storage Tunnels extend southerly into the NE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian.

A SEPA determination is used by the lead regulatory agency to decide whether a proposed action will have significant, or nonsignificant, adverse environmental impacts. In accordance with SEPA, Ecology is accepting comments on this determination until June 21, 1996.

For more information, or to request copies of the determination and Environmental Checklist, please contact Ron Effland at (509) 736-3008.

Sincerely,

Ron Effland
Nuclear Waste Program

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cc: **Administrative Records: PUREX Storage Tunnels**

