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Dear Messrs. Rasmussen and Hebdon:

Re: Waste Transfer Line Crossing over the 216-A-29 Ditch Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Unit, 02-RCA-0301

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received and reviewed your letter, #02-RCA-0301 dated April 29, 2002, stating your intent to construct three parallel waste transfer pipelines across the 216-A-29 Ditch. Ecology approves of this plan with the following reservations:

- The 216-A-29 Ditch is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) interim status Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) unit.
- The 216-A-29 Ditch has not been closed, pending activities for the associated 200-CS-1 Operable Unit.
- The 216-A-29 Ditch characterization and analytical results will be used to benefit the remediation efforts of the 200-CS-1 Operable Unit, but will not modify Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-610 or Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement [TPA]) TSD closure requirements.
- A final decision for the closure of 216-A-29 Ditch is not scheduled to occur until 2005, per TPA Milestone M-015-39C.

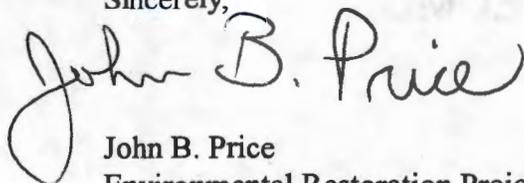
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Ecology acknowledges construction and operation of the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) remains a high priority at the Hanford Site. Therefore, Ecology approves the construction of these three waste transfer pipelines from the 241-AP Tank Farm to the WTP crossing the 216-A-29 Ditch at one location. Although this letter provides approval to construct these pipelines across the 216-A-29 Ditch, these pipelines must be included in the scope of either the Double Shell Tank System Dangerous Waste Permit or the WTP Dangerous Waste Permit. Any portion of the pipelines included in the WTP Dangerous Waste Permit should not be constructed prior to permit issuance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3029.

Sincerely,



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