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Mr. John D. Wagoner, Manager
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Dear Mr. Wagoner:

Re: Change Package M-01-92-01A / Grout Treatment Facility
(Milestone M-01-00)

Please note that we are in receipt of the Department of Energy's (DOE) September 27, 1992 letter transmitting Change Control Form No. M-01-92-01A regarding the Grout Treatment Facility. Based on this submittal we have directed our staff to delineate an approach to the grout program which is both protective of human health and the environment and supportive of timely tank waste remediation.

The Washington State Department of Ecology is the lead regulatory agency for Milestone M-01-00. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides support to Ecology on this issue. Ecology's position on the grout program was characterized in general within David Jansen's July 22, 1992 letter to Steve Wisness. Staff are now considering specific justifications provided within DOE's Change Control Form.

While at present we cannot accept DOE's proposal (and Tri Party Agreement Milestone M-01-00 schedules stand), we recognize the complexity of issues which surround the grout program and also the necessity of timely decision making. Consequently, we expect to notify DOE of our determination regarding your submittal by October 30, 1992.

You should note that prior to any final agreement regarding the grout program DOE is required to maintain its ability to comply with current Tri Party Agreement work schedules. Please notify us if DOE reaches a point where compliance cannot be maintained due to deviations from project critical path activities (e.g., construction contracting, waste transfer operations).

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Staff inquiries regarding this issue should be directed to Mr. David Jansen, Ecology Project Manager at (206) 438-7021 or Mr. Paul Day, EPA Project Manager at (509) 376-6623.

Sincerely,



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