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Dear Mr. Ceto:

NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR MILESTONE M-16-67, "SUBMIT A TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY REPORT FOR PHASES I, II, AND III, AN INTERMEDIATE DESIGN REPORT, A REMEDIATION SCHEDULE, AND A TREATABILITY INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR REMEDIAL ACTIONS AT 618-10 AND 618-11 BURIAL GROUNDS," DUE MARCH 31, 2007

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) has been discussing Milestone M-16-67 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 300 Area Project Manager for several months. Those discussions have pertained to the specific language in the milestone and what elements of the milestone are satisfied by the design solution being worked by our contractor, Washington Closure Hanford, LLC (WCH).

Through our discussions with the EPA 300 Area Project Manager, there are some aspects of the existing milestone that would be developed after the M-16-67 due date of March 31, 2007. EPA stated that future requirements or activities not captured in M-16-67 may necessitate development of a new milestone(s), and no revision to M-16-67 was necessary. While there has been no mention of an issue with meeting M-16-67, RL is sending this notification within 110-days of the milestone due date, and considers the upfront communication with EPA as a good faith effort. If development of a new milestone(s) is (are) necessary, RL also contends that good cause exists, as described in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, Article XL, and Section 12.3.2.

If you should have any questions or need clarification please contact Mr. Kevin Bazzell on (509) 373-0463.

Sincerely,

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