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Dear Ms. Bilson:

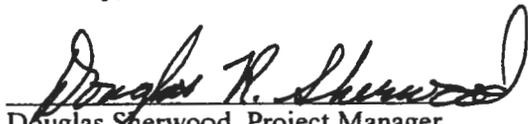
Re: Waste Storage at T Plant Bio-Pad, Waste Control Plan # 0512236,
Dated September 8, 1999

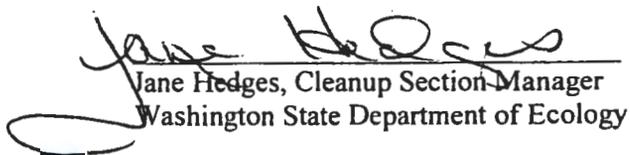
The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) has accumulated one hundred forty-five (145) containers of waste from various locations throughout the Hanford site at the T Plant Bio-Pad. The above referenced Waste Control Plan was rescinded by a letter dated February 14, 2000, from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to USDOE, effective March 16, 2000.

Representatives of USDOE, Ecology and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) have met on several occasions to discuss the circumstances under which this accumulation of waste occurred and the path forward for future activities. Until such time as the on-going inspection and evaluation of activities associated with the above referenced waste control plan are completed, USDOE is directed to maintain the current inventory of one hundred forty-five (145) containers at the Bio-Pad in a safe condition. There is to be no additional accumulation of waste storage at this location. Should a situation arise which represents an unsafe condition, it is expected that the appropriate actions would be taken and USEPA and Ecology will be notified immediately.

Ecology and USEPA understand that USDOE is developing plans to properly designate and dispose of the one-hundred forty-five (145) containers at the Bio-Pad. We look forward to working with USDOE on an agreed upon path forward. Should you or your staff have questions regarding this issue please do not hesitate to contact Dennis Faulk (USEPA) at 376-8631 or Bob Wilson (Ecology) at 736-3031.

Sincerely,


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