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Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment Closure Phase 3 of 3

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed and evaluated Phase 3, the final closure strategy phase for the 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System (WATS). Ecology has no additional comments on the Phase 3 Decontamination and Inspection Plan (DIP).

Ecology tentatively approves Phase 3 of this closure. However, Phase 3 closure activities are being carried out prior to the public review and comment process, which must be completed before Ecology can provide *final* approval. Be aware that this process may result in changes to the existing closure plan; and prior to granting final approval, Ecology will consider recommendations received during the public review process.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

Alex Stone (for Greta Davis)

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Administrative Record:
300 Area Waste Acid
Treatment System (WATS),
300-FF-2, and 300-FF-5

