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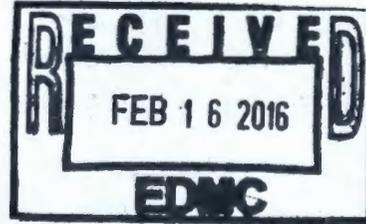
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Ms. Stacy Charboneau, Manager
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Re: Completeness Determination and Technical Review for the Part A Form and Closure Plan Submitted for Hot Cell A through Hot Cell F Dangerous Waste Management Unit (DMWU) at the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF), received January 26, 2016

Dear Ms. Charboneau:

This letter constitutes the Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) 'completeness review' for the Part A form and closure plan submitted as part of the referenced permit modification request (Reference 1). A completeness review is the first step in evaluating permit application submittals. Ecology conducts the completeness review. If the permit application is found complete, a review for technical adequacy follows. The purpose of the completeness review is to ensure that all major components of the submittal have been addressed sufficiently to allow for a technical evaluation.

Ecology previously issued a Letter of Incompleteness (Reference 2) to the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) on March 25, 2015 on the referenced permit modification request. During the initial review, Ecology found areas in the Part A and closure plan where information was either missing or lacked critical elements that deemed the closure plan incomplete. However, Ecology has worked with USDOE and its contractors over the past few months to resolve the Part A and closure plan deficiencies documented as part of Ecology's completeness and technical reviews, specifically those pertaining to Closure Performance Standards and generator requirements detailed in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-170 to 173-303-230.

Ecology has completed both the completeness review and technical review of the revised permit modification request to modify the Hanford Site permit to initiate closure activities in hot cells A-F DMWU at the WESF (Reference 3).



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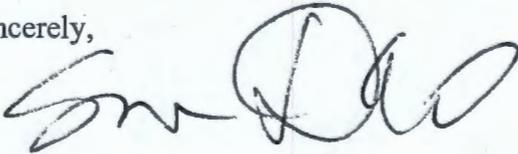
Ecology has determined that your certified permit modification submitted on January 26, 2016 is complete in accordance with (WAC) 173-303-830(4)(c)(vi) and 173-303-840(1)(b).

Now that the application has been determined to be complete and the technical review is finalized, Ecology will proceed with preparation of the draft permit modification for public comment. To support drafting of the permit for the second public comment period, Ecology may request from USDOE clarifying or supplemental information.

Prior to making any final permitting decisions, Ecology will consider additional public comments received during the public comment period on the draft permit modification.

If there are any questions, please contact Stephanie Schleif at stephanie.schleif@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7929 or Mandy Jones at mandy.jones@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7916.

Sincerely,



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Reference 1: Letter 15-AMRP-0042, dated December 19, 2014, from Stacy Charboneau, USDOE-RL to J.A. Hedges, Ecology, "*Submittal of Updated Part A Form and Closure Plan for Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF) Closing Dangerous Waste Management Unit*"

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Reference 2: Letter 15-NWP-057, dated March 25, 2015, from Suzanne Dahl, Ecology to Stacy Charboneau, USDOE-RL, "*Letter of Incompleteness for Submittal of Updated Part A Form and Closure Plan for Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF) Closing Dangerous Waste Management Unit*"

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Reference 3: Letter 16-ESQ-0026, dated January 14, 2016, from Stacy Charboneau, USDOE-RL to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "*Revised Part A Form and Closure Plan for Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF) Closing Dangerous Waste Management Unit (DWMU) and Temporary Authorization to Implement Previously Requested Class 3 Modifications*"

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