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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Integrated Closure of the 1706-KE Waste Treatment System, 02-RCA-0328

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have reviewed the United States Department of Energy's (USDOE) letter dated May 6, 2002, proposing an integrated Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) closure of the 1706-KE Waste Treatment System. The proposal is to close the system in conjunction with the CERCLA cleanup under the 100 Area Remaining Sites Record of Decision. Tri-Party Agreement Change Request M-16-01-05 includes TPA milestones M-16-52 and M-016-53, to initiate and complete the interim response actions for the 100 K area by July 31, 2009, and July 31, 2012, respectively. That approach and schedule are acceptable to Ecology and EPA.

Ecology and EPA have reviewed the eight steps for closure outlined in USDOE's May 6th letter and support this approach. We appreciate USDOE's diligence in working through this process with the regulators.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact John Price at (509) 736-3029 or Larry Gadbois at (509) 376-9884.

Sincerely,

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