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Mr. Steve M. Alexander  
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

COMPLETION OF ACTION FOR STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY CONSENT ORDER NO. DE 91NM-177

This is to inform you that the action in Section 4 of the State of Washington, Department of Ecology Consent Order No. DE 91NM-177 for the 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility, "...cessation of untreated discharge to the environment by 6/95 for all contributor streams," was completed on November 28, 1994, for the UO<sub>3</sub>/U Plant Waste Water which previously discharged to the 216-U-14 Ditch. Although Section 6, Table 8 to the Consent Order did not specify June 1995, as the date to cease discharge of the UO<sub>3</sub>/U Plant Waste Water effluent to the 216-U-14 Ditch, the effluent was identified in Section 4 to the Consent Order as it was previously planned for discharge to the 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility (Project W-049). An RL letter (94-PXT-059 dated December 9, 1994) notified the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Project Managers of the completion of a similar interim milestone (M-17-17). 39866

The UO<sub>3</sub> Plant deactivation team completed a Phase II deactivation activity by ceasing discharge to the 216-U-14 Ditch. The UO<sub>3</sub> Plant cooling water effluent which discharged into the 207-U Retention Basin was shutdown on November 23, 1994, and a flow test was performed over the following weekend to verify that basin inputs had been isolated. As no evidence of flow was found, the outlet valves leading to the 216-U-14 Ditch were lock-and-tagged closed on November 28, 1994. Rain water or steam condensate which accumulates in the basin will be allowed to evaporate.



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Should you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. L. D. Romine of the Transition Program Division at (509) 376-4747.

Sincerely,



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