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January 29, 1997

Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, WA 99352-0550

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Procedural Closure of the 332 Storage Facility



The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed reviewing the information submitted for procedural closure of the 332 Storage Facility.

Based on the information submitted by Pacific Northwest National Laboratories and research of historical data conducted by Ecology, Ecology agrees the procedural closure of both units is appropriate, as outlined in section 6.3.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement.

Ecology public involvement personnel have drafted a schedule to proceed with closure of the 332 Storage Facility. The public information newspaper ad will be run on January 26 & 27, 1997, and the public comment period is scheduled to commence on January 31, 1997. The public comment period will last for 45 days. After the public comment period has been completed, there will be a 30 day Ecology response period. At this time, the 332 Storage Facility paperwork will be complete and Ecology will be awaiting submission of a new Part A Form 3, dated and stamped closed across the front, so this unit can be taken off the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act list.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Record: 332 Storage Facility ✓