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Mr. Keith Klein, Manager
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Dear Mr. Klein:

Re: Completion Notification for Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-83-13, Complete Repackaging of Plutonium Finishing Plant Mixed Waste Residues and Shipment to Central Waste Complex, April 30, 2004

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) concurs that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) has completed the requirements of Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestone M-83-13, and that the mixed waste residues at the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) have now been packaged and shipped to the Central Waste Complex (CWC) for storage, with the exception of the Group 2 Pu/Al alloys pipe over pack containers (POCs) that are being stored at PFP for security reasons. Ecology strongly encourages USDOE to transfer the POCs to CWC for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant at the earliest possible date.

Ecology commends USDOE for completing this job almost two months ahead of the April 30, 2004, scheduled completion date.

Please contact me at 736-3007 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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