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Mr. Joel Hebdon, Director
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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

RE: 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility Professional Engineer Closure Certification (DOE/RL-01-RCA-411)

This letter formally acknowledges the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) receipt of the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) closure certification and professional engineer's certification of closure for the 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility (NRDWSF) dated September 5, 2001. This unit closure was conducted in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303 and the specifications of the approved closure plan.

Ecology accepts and approves the USDOE's certification of closure for the 616 NRDWSF. The USDOE is, therefore, requested to resubmit the Part A Form 3 for this unit stamped "CLOSED, as of September 5, 2001". In future modifications of the Hanford Site Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Wide Permit, Ecology will indicate this unit was clean closed as of this date.

Ecology looks forward to many more successes such as this. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Greta Davis at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

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