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October 6, 2000

Mr. Clifford E. Clark, Acting Manager
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Dear Mr. Clark:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is reviewing the *Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Interim Milestones M-46-00G and M-46-01G, Submission of Operational Waste Volume Projection (OWVP) Report (00-OSD-115)* for accuracy and completeness. By this letter, Ecology requests that the Office of River Protection (ORP) submit several new cases, as described below, by October 31, 2000.

The information presented in the OWVP Report does not include an analysis of the most recent *Single-shell Tank Retrieval Plan*. That retrieval plan is based upon milestones proposed for addition to Hanford Federal Facility Compliance Agreement and Consent Order Milestone M-45. These new milestones propose the retrieval of three (3) high-risk tanks (241-S-112, 241-S-102, and 241-C-104) in lieu of ten (10) lower-risk tanks now in the milestone. The cases in the report reflect previous planning, which does not allow Ecology personnel to complete their reviews and concur with the ORP that new double shell tanks will not be required before 2010.

Ecology requests that ORP analyze the following scenarios: (1) waste transfers from the three tanks in the proposed milestone (retrieval to be completed by 2006), then subsequent transfers of waste from the tanks listed in Milestone M-45 (after 2006), without added space optimization; and (2) the same waste transfers, but with optimization included. Per a prior request made by Mr. R.V. Heggen, Ecology also requests an additional scenario to address projections for available storage in the absence of any new double shell storage tanks.

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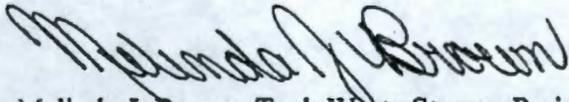
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. R.V. Heggen at (509) 736-5716 or me at (509) 736-3027.

Sincerely,



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