

0048675



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

1315 W. 4th Avenue • Kennewick, Washington 99336-6018 • (509) 735-7581

March 3, 1998

Mr. James E. Rasmussen
U.S. Department Of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, WA 99352



Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Letter to James E. Rasmussen,
Dated February 4, 1998

48606

This letter is being reissued as information was inadvertently omitted from the referenced letter.

Ecology has reviewed and evaluated Phase 1 of the proposed three (3) phase closure strategy for the 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System Closure (WATS). Ecology has no additional comments on the Phase 1 Decontamination and Inspection Plan (DIP).

A final walkdown for the conclusion of Phase 1 work was performed during the week of October 6, 1997. These closure activities are being carried out prior to the final approval of this unit's closure plan, which requires a public review and comment process to be completed before Ecology can make the final decision. Hence, all this work is completed under your own risk, knowing that the public review process may result in a major change to the existing closure plan. During the walkdown, it was observed that all activities had been performed in accordance with the DIP specifications originally submitted to Ecology.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

Greta P. Davis, 300 Area WATS Sub-Project Manager
Nuclear Waste Program

GPD:ch

cc: Ellen Mattlin, USDOE
Dave Einan, EPA
Scott Luke, RFSH
Jon Remaize, B&W
Mary Lou Blazek, ODOE
Administrative Record: 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System (WATS),
300-FF-2 & 300-FF-5