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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Letter to Michael A. Wilson, Washington State Department of Ecology, dated 8/30/2002, from Joel Hebdon, United States Department of Energy, Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-83-09, "Complete repackaging and shipment of all Hanford Ash mixed waste currently stored in PFP to the Central Waste Complex for storage."

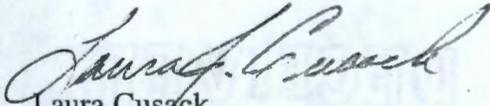
The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) acknowledges that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) has successfully completed the requirements of Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestone M-83-09, "Complete repackaging and shipment of all Hanford Ash mixed waste currently stored in PFP to the Central Waste Complex for storage." Repackaging and shipment of Hanford Ash mixed waste does not include those items identified as Non Destructive Assay standards or set aside for Waste Isolation Pilot Plant verification sampling.

The due date for this TPA Milestone was August 31, 2002. My staff has verified that approximately 355 bulk kilograms of Hanford Ash were repackaged into 291 pipe over pack containers. The final shipment to the Central Waste Complex was completed on March 7, 2002. Ecology is satisfied with the overall performance and the completion of this TPA Milestone.

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If you have questions, please call Rick Bond at (509) 736-3007.

Sincerely,



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