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Dear Mr. Wisness:

Re: Concurrence on M-07-01 (Single Shell Tank Selection Criteria, Retrieval Options, and Tank Selection)

In accordance with Milestone M-07-02, Ecology has reviewed the above criteria and tank selection for the initial single shell tank retrieval demonstration. We have attempted to review this document within the two months allowed us under the milestone time frames, although the M-07-02 milestone is not due until December of this year. We are encouraged by the Department of Energy's early submittal of the M-07-01 document, and hope that progress continues at a rapid pace on this activity.

The criteria used to determine the tank for initial retrieval demonstration are generally sound and in agreement with Ecology goals and priorities. We must clarify that this criteria, while useful in this case, may not be useful in future tank selection decisions. In particular, under the current criteria there is only one tank, C-106, which meets all of the requirements. Future tank activities and decisions made during the Tank Waste Remediation System negotiations may change the criteria used for prioritizing single shell tanks for retrieval.

With this in mind, we concur with the selection of tank 241-C-106 as the initial retrieval demonstration tank. All current and future retrieval planning activities should continue to focus on this tank.



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With the transmittal of this letter Ecology has fulfilled our obligations under M-07-02, as well as approved your submittal under M-07-01. If you have questions, please call me at (206) 459-6725.

Sincerely,



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