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Re: Letter, 08-ESQ-229, dated September 24, 2008, from S.J. Olinger, USDOE-ORP, to Ms. J.A. Hedges, Ecology, regarding *Request For Procedural Closure Of The Grout Treatment Facility (GTF),* TD-2-1

Dear Mr. Brockman and Ms. Olinger:

The Department of Ecology has completed the decision making process for closure of the Grout Treatment Facility, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act treatment, storage and disposal unit.

Ecology agrees that a procedural closure of this unit is appropriate, as outlined in Section 6.3.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement. This agreement is based on the information submitted by United States Department of Energy and their contractors, and research of historical data conducted by Ecology.

We drafted a public involvement schedule associated with the closure of this unit. The public notice newspaper advertisement will run on November 2, 2008, and the public comment period is scheduled to begin on November 3, 2008. The 45-day public comment period will end on December 19, 2008. After the public comment period is completed, Ecology will communicate the final decision within 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 509-372-7894.

Sincerely,

Greta P. Davis  
NWP Permitting Coordinator  
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