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Dear Mr. Manning:

**WASTE TREATMENT AND IMMOBILIZATION PLANT (WTP) DANGEROUS WASTE PERMIT COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE ITEM 24**

Reference: ORP letter from R. J. Schepens and J. P. Henschel, BNI, to J. Hedges, Ecology, "Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Dangerous Waste Permit Compliance Schedule," 06-WTP-011, dated February 1, 2006.

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This letter provides you with notice pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-815(3)(a)(iii) that Compliance Schedule Item 24, "Submit engineering information for equipment for each Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Vitrification Miscellaneous Treatment Unit subsystem," due June 2, 2006, was not completed as scheduled. WAC 173-303-815(3)(a)(iii) requires the permittee to notify the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Director in writing, no later than 14 days following each compliance date, of its compliance or noncompliance with the requirements.

To date, the following two permit packages have been submitted to Ecology for the LAW miscellaneous treatment unit subsystem equipment for Compliance Schedule Item 24:

- LAW-019, Elevation 3 feet, "LAW Primary Offgas Process System (LOP) Miscellaneous Treatment Unit Subsystem Equipment;" and
- LAW-024, Elevation 48 feet, "LAW Secondary Offgas/Vessel Vent Process System (LVP) Miscellaneous Treatment Unit Subsystem Equipment."

Engineering information required to complete Compliance Schedule Item 24 is under development and consists of the following permit package:

- LAW-018, Elevation 3 feet, "LAW Melter Process System (LMP) Miscellaneous Treatment Unit Subsystem Equipment (In Process)."

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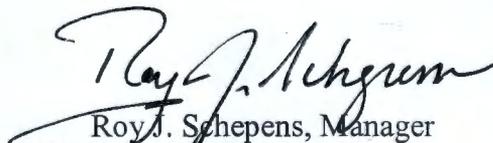
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Technical and financial considerations described in the Reference, in combination with revised agreements to use final vendor design and calculations rather than initial design for submittal of permit design packages, will delay completion of this compliance schedule item. Completion of the compliance schedule item is dependent upon the finalization and U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) acceptance of the WTP Estimate at Completion which is anticipated by July 2006. At that time, DOE and Bechtel National, Inc. will be in position to state, with confidence, when the compliance schedule items will be provided for your review and concurrence.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact John R. Eschenberg, Project Manager, Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, (509) 376-3681.

Sincerely,



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