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Dear Mr. Klein and Mr. Schepens:

Re: Ecology's Review and Response to the United States Department of Energy's
Calendar Year 2003 Land Disposal Restrictions Report, Submitted in Accordance
with Milestone M-26-01N

This correspondence is provided in response to your letter, number 05-AMCP-0024 and attached comment responses, dated October 28, 2004, directed to Mr. Michael Wilson, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), regarding the submittal of the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) Calendar Year (CY) 2003 Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) Report. 62970

In accordance with the Hanford Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), Milestone M-26-01N, this report was submitted as a primary document which requires the lead agency to respond within 45 days. Ecology extended the comment period and provided comments to USDOE on September 14, 2004. USDOE's responses to comments were received by Ecology on November 1, 2004. These responses adequately document the comment resolution agreed to during recent Tri-Party Agreement LDR Project Manager Meetings.

Ecology has approved the USDOE's CY 2003 LDR Report as noted on the enclosed approval page. Ecology looks forward to continued cooperation during the ongoing LDR Project Manager Meetings.

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If you would like to discuss Ecology's comments on the CY 2003 LDR Report, please contact me at (509) 372-7929.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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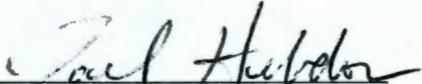
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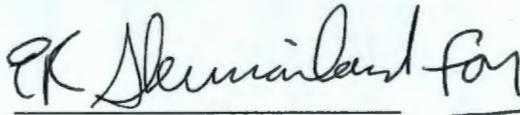
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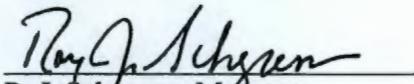
Approval of the U.S. Department of Energy's annual land disposal restriction report as a *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* primary document shall be by written approval of U.S. Department of Energy and Washington State Department of Ecology Interagency Management Integration Team representatives.

This document has been prepared, submitted, revised, and approved as a primary document in response to the requirements of the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* milestone series M-26-01 and related *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976* land disposal restrictions and *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* requirements. As such, this document serves as a binding and enforceable document under the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*.

Approved and issued this 22nd day of November, 2004.


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