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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Path Forward for 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and reviewed the United States Department of Energy's (USDOE) Notice of Appeal regarding Ecology's permitting decisions on the 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility.

This letter is to notify USDOE that Ecology hereby rescinds the August 2, 2002, letter citing the violation of Washington Administrative Code 173-303-805(7)(a)(i). This letter also serves to modify Ecology's letter of July 24, 2002, by rescinding Ecology's denial of USDOE's request to modify the Part A Form 3 to include the D007 waste code.

Ecology will continue to work with USDOE to achieve closure for this unit. Ecology's decision to not deny USDOE's request to modify the Part A Form 3 was based on unique circumstances relating to the 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility, and does not create any precedent for future revisions to the Part A for this or other Hanford facilities. Ecology is developing policy with regard to administration of Part As at Hanford and will share that information with USDOE once it is available.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3022.

Sincerely,

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