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Dear Messrs. Sherwood and Stohr:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER
INTERIM MILESTONE M-40-11: CLOSE THE UNREVIEWED SAFETY QUESTION FOR THE
CRITICALITY ISSUE

This letter provides notification of the completion of the Hanford Federal
Facility Agreement and Consent Order Interim Milestone M-40-11, "Close the
Unreviewed Safety Question for the Criticality Issue."

Closure of the Unreviewed Safety Question for the potential for nuclear
criticality in Hanford High-Level Waste Tanks was approved by the Program
Secretarial Officer for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, U. S.
Department of Energy, on March 17, 1994, based upon the "High-Level Waste Tank
Subcriticality Safety Assessment," WHC-SB-WM-SARR-003 (enclosed).

Criticality safety for the Hanford High-Level Waste Tanks will continue to be
assured through the Justification for Continued Operations requirements until
such time as the new criticality safety program for the tank farms is fully
implemented. Implementation of this program is independent of the closure of
the Unreviewed Safety Question.

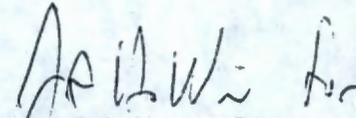
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