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Ms. Jane Hedges, Program Manager  
Nuclear Waste Program  
State of Washington  
Department of Ecology  
3100 Port of Benton Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-020-33 AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 216-A-10 CRIB, 216-A-36B CRIB, 216-A-37-1 CRIB, 207-A SOUTH RETENTION BASIN CLOSURE/POSTCLOSURE PLANS**

This letter presents the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) with a request for approval of the enclosed closure plans and associated State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklists for the 216-A-10 Crib (Enclosures 1 and 2), 216-A-36B Crib (Enclosures 3 and 4), the 216-A-37-1 Crib (Enclosures 5 and 6), and the 207-A South Retention Basin (Enclosures 7 and 8). The closure approach presented in these closure plans is clean closure of the 216-A-37-1 Crib, 216-A-36B Crib, and the 207-A South Retention Basin and administrative closure for the 216-A-10 Crib. These plans contain the information supporting the closure approaches.

The 216-A-10 Crib, the 216-A-37-1 Crib, the 216-A-36B Crib, and the 207-A South Retention Basin are Resource Conservation and Recovery Act treatment, storage, and/or disposal (TSD) units. The 216-A-10 Crib is a past-practice unit. All of these units are located on the Central Plateau, 200 East Area and were operated to store or dispose of mixed waste from various Central Plateau processing plants. Characterization of these TSD units was performed in conjunction with remedial investigation of the consolidated 200-PW-2 and 200-PW-4 operable units under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act remedial investigation/feasibility study process.

The enclosed closure plans were prepared as required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-610 and Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, Section 6.3. In addition, a SEPA checklist was prepared according to WAC 197-11-960 for each closure plan. Submittal of these closure plans completes Tri-Party Agreement interim milestone M-020-33, due April 30, 2006.

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For any closure plans that Ecology wishes to comment on, DOE and the contractors will anticipate receipt of comments following the Notice of Deficiency process under Figure 9-2 of the Tri-Party Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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