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September 15, 1998

Mr. James E. Rassmussen  
U.S. Department of Energy  
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15  
Richland, WA 99352

Dear Mr. Rassmussen:

Re: Approval of the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF) Tank 100  
System Closure Plan, Rev dtd. September 3, 1998

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed its review of the above document. This plan was transmitted to Ecology by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) on September 10, 1998.

This closure plan has been found complete and consistent with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303 requirements. The final approval of this plan is pending the required public review and comment period. Ecology may require changes to the closure plan, based on public involvement. Therefore, any activities related to the closure that are completed by you, prior to receiving Ecology's final approval of this closure plan, will be performed at your own risk.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3012.

Sincerely,

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