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Dear Mr. Wilson:

NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION RIGHTS

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This letter is in response to Ecology's letter to Joel Hebdon, RL, from Greta Davis, "600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility Violation and Corrective Action" dated August 2, 2002, alleging violation of WAC 173-303-805(7)(a)(i) at the 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility located on the Hanford Site. In light of the past practices of the parties, and the rights and obligations established by the "Strategy for Handling and Disposing of Purgewater at the Hanford Site, Washington" (Appendix F of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order), RL does not believe that a violation of the regulation cited above has occurred. Accordingly, this letter gives notice of RL's exercise of its dispute resolution rights pursuant to Article VIII, Paragraph 30, of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order. RL will make reasonable and good faith efforts to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology within the 30 days allowed at the Project Manager's level.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Ellen Mattlin, Regulatory Compliance and Analysis Division, on (509) 376-2385.

Sincerely,

W. Wade Ballard

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