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Mr. James E. Rasmussen  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System Closure

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has evaluated the closure application for the 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System (WATS). The current application can not be revised adequately in time to meet the deadline for the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Modification cycle C (Mod C), planned to start August 1997. A Class 1 permit modification will occur to move the WATS Closure Plan to Mod D, scheduled for 1998. Moving the closure to a later date will allow Ecology to evaluate opportunities to coordinate Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) activities closing the WATS Treatment, Storage, or Disposal unit.

Currently phase 1 of this closure has been approved by Ecology and work has begun to utilize the available funding. Ecology has yet to resolve the notice of deficiency (NOD) table issued on October 8, 1996. I anticipate resolving the remaining (NOD) comments through workshops to be held within the next ninety (90) days.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

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