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March 6, 1997

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

Re: Approval of Low-Level Burial Ground (LLBG) Part A, Revision 9

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received the LLBG Part A, Revision 9, dated March 4, 1997. It is Ecology's understanding that there is an urgent need for storage of bulky and long-length mixed waste awaiting disposal at Hanford. Trench 34 provides the necessary safeguards and the most affordable option to safely manage this waste form at Hanford.

Based on the above considerations, Ecology is approving the LLBG Part A, Revision 9. If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact me at (509) 736-3048.

Sincerely,


for Norman T. Hepner, PE
Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosure

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