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Dear Mr. Romine and Mr. Lackey:

Re: Notice of Deficiency Comments on 216-U-12 Treatment Storage and/or Disposal Closure Plan, submitted January 9, 2004

The Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) letter, dated January 9, 2004, transmitted Notice of Deficiency (NOD) comments on the 216-U-12 Treatment Storage and/or Disposal Closure Plan. Since then, Ecology has reviewed and made comments on the draft remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) work plan for the 200-UP-1 groundwater operable unit. Ecology believes that we are in agreement with the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) on the number and location of new monitoring wells to be installed during that RI/FS. The agreement will be formalized through Ecology's approval of the work plan, and then in the subsequent Tri-Party approval of revisions to the M-24 milestone.

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Ecology plans to include some of the new wells proposed for the 200-UP-1 RI/FS, and their proposed construction dates, as closure/compliance permit conditions for the 216-U-12 crib. Ecology also plans to include as a permit condition, the requirement for USDOE to submit an approved "Monitoring Plan for RCRA Groundwater Assessment at the 216-U-12 Crib" (PNNL-14301) that includes new monitoring wells and addresses NODs transmitted in Ecology's January 9, 2004, letter.



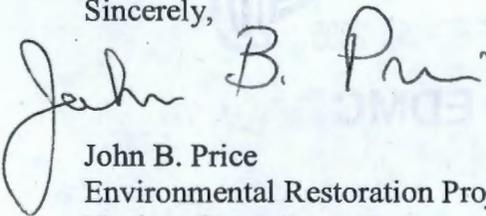
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Please note that the activities described above are subject to formal public comment, which may result in changes to proposed actions. The public will be given opportunity to comment on the proposed changes, and Ecology will prepare a responsiveness summary for comments on the following: any proposed changes to the M-24 milestones, the draft closure plan for the 216-U-12 crib, and the draft permit for the 216-U-12 crib.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Hamar at (509) 372-7904, or me at (509) 372-7921.

Sincerely,



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