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Mr. Joel Hebdon  
Regulatory Compliance and Analysis Division  
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P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15  
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Modification of Inspection Frequency of Certain Hanford Facility Treatment  
Storage, and/or Disposal (TSD) Units

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and reviewed the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) request to change from monthly and quarterly inspection to annual inspection at the 216-B-3 Main Pond, 216-A-29 Ditch, 207-A South Retention Basin, 216-B-63 Trench, 216-S-10 Pond and Ditch, and the 241-CX Tank System (CX-70, CX-71, and CX-72) per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-320. Ecology agrees with the strategy of annual surveillance given the non-operational status of the units. However, if any annual inspection identifies any potential threats to human health or the environment, Ecology must be immediately notified and will reevaluate the necessity of monthly or quarterly inspections.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3029 or Brenda Becker-Khaleel at (509) 736-3003.

Sincerely,

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