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Dear Mr. Wilson:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-45-06-T05, "SUBMIT TANK FARM CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE WORKPLAN UPDATE"

The purpose of this letter is to submit the update to the Single-Shell Tank (SST) System Closure Workplan, DOE/ORP-2001-18 Revision 0, to fulfill Tri-Party Agreement commitment M-45-06-T05, due June 30, 2002. This Single-Shell Tank Closure Workplan describes the current planning basis for closure of the Hanford Site SST System. This current work plan serves multiple purposes that include: 1) documenting interim planning decisions; 2) describing the regulatory framework for Tank Farm Closure, including potential closure paths and current conditions and information that affect closure options; and 3) identifying progress, issues and plans for issue resolution.

This closure Workplan will be updated every two years beginning in 2002 and is being submitted as a primary document as per M-45-06-T05. The Workplan is anticipated to evolve into the SST System Closure Plan(s) issued for the State of Washington Department of Ecology's approval to support future Tank Farm Closures.

This update of the May 1996 Closure Workplan addresses the specifics of the milestone requirement as follows:

- A detailed description of the SST System (Appendix D).
- A review of data acquired during the C-106 Retrieval Project (Section 5).
- Results from recent activities focusing on maximizing risk reduction (Section 7).
- Information obtained via vadose zone, groundwater monitoring, and RFI/CMS activities (Section 4).
- Lessons learned from the AX Retrieval Performance Evaluation (Appendix H).

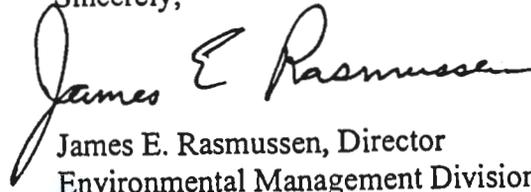
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Bob Lober, Requirements Division, (509) 373-7949.

Sincerely,


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