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Mr. Mark S. Spears, President
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Dear Mr. Schepens and Mr. Spears:

Re: 222-S Laboratory Complex Part B Permit Application

The Department of Ecology requests that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) - Office of River Protection (ORP) and CH2M Hill Hanford Group Incorporated (CH2M) submit a revised certified Resource, Conservation, and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Application for the 222-S Laboratory Complex to Ecology by April 1, 2006. This revised application will be the basis for Ecology to issue a final status Part B Permit.

A draft permit for the USDOE-Richland Field Office and Fluor Hanford to operate the 222-S Laboratory Complex was issued in 2001 for public comment. However, it was never actually issued due to litigation issues which are now resolved. ORP and CH2M are requested to work with Ecology personnel to respond to public comment received on the 2001 draft permit and changes in regulations since the original permit was issued for public comment.

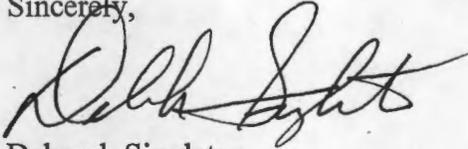
The revised application shall reflect the current facility owner and operator changes at the facility since 2001. The application should also delineate the non-permitted areas and actions performed in the facility by the contractor, Advanced Technologies and Laboratories, operating the analytical laboratory functions.

I look forward to having Ms. Jeanne Wallace work collaboratively with you in responding to the 2001 public comments and assisting you in revising your Part B operating permit application. Jeanne can be reached at (509) 372-7931.

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If you have any questions, call me at (509) 372-7923.

Sincerely,



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