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Dear Messrs. Klein and Hughes:

Re: Notice of Correction for Stabilization of the Hexone Storage and Treatment Facility
(BHI DOCKET NUMBER 00NWPKM006)

On May 16, 2001, Tracy Gao and John Price of the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) met with John Sands, Cliff Ashley, and Bryan Foley of the United States Department of Energy (USDOE), and representatives of Bechtel Hanford, Incorporated (BHI)(Chris Kemp, et al.) regarding, "Evaluation of Alternatives for the Interim Stabilization of the Hexone Tanks," BHI-01521, Draft A. That evaluation was submitted to Ecology in accordance with the schedule contained in Appendix A to the USDOE/BHI response letter 00-OSS-395, dated June 26, 2000. 54979

At the meeting, your representatives agreed that the comparison of costs for alternatives was incomplete, specifically with respect to the cost for tank removal. Appendix A to your letter (00-OSS-395) states, "This study will also evaluate the option of achieving clean closure of this TSD to assess the related incremental cost and timing." All parties agreed that the statements in BHI-01521 were insufficient to screen out the alternative of clean closure.

Ecology is extending the due date for interim stabilization by sixty (60) days, from December 31, 2001, to March 1, 2002. We are granting this extension to allow USDOE and BHI time to complete conceptual, rough order of magnitude, life-cycle costs for all stabilization alternatives including clean closure. USDOE is to submit those costs to Ecology in a revised Evaluation of Alternatives, no later than July 16, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Gao at (509) 736-5718.

Sincerely,

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