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Mr. Bob Holt
Acting Hanford Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Holt:

Re: Milestone M-46-01A, Concurrence of Additional Tank Acquisition

Ecology has reviewed the United States Department of Energy's (USDOE's) Operational Waste Volume Projection, Revision 20. This report was submitted to satisfy Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Milestone M-46-00A, Double-Shell Tank (DST) Space Evaluation. That report identified a "Baseline Case" which required the construction of six additional DST by the end of 1998. Because of uncertainties with several key assumptions in the baseline case, Ecology does not agree with the need for this number of additional tanks.

Many of these uncertainties have been previously identified (letter May 2, 1994 from Geoff Tallent, Ecology, to Don Alexander, USDOE). In response to these concerns and others raised by the New Tanks Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Ecology is working with USDOE and contractor staff to revise the Waste Volume Projection Report. The purpose of the revision is to establish a stronger technical basis for Hanford's projected tank space needs by validating key assumptions and evaluating potential space saving alternatives.

Ecology will base its "concurrence of additional tank acquisition" on the conclusions of the working group now reviewing the Operational Waste Volume Projection. I urge USDOE to fully support the work of this group, as its recommendations are needed in the very near term to support the New Tanks EIS and the tank construction project (if tanks are needed). If you have any questions, please call Mr. Mike Gordon at (206) 407-7143.

Sincerely,

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