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Mr. Thomas Ferns
U. S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550; MSIN H0-12
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Ferns:

Re: Approval of Quarterly Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) Inspections of the 216-B-63 Trench

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and reviewed the United States Department of Energy request to change from weekly to quarterly RCRA TSD inspections at the 216-B-63 trench, per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-320. Ecology agrees with the strategy of quarterly surveillance, given the non-operational status of the unit. However, if any quarterly inspection identifies repairs/remedial action, Ecology must be immediately notified and will reevaluate the necessity of weekly inspections.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3003.

Sincerely,

Brenda Becker-Khaleel
Nuclear Waste Program

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cc: Dennis Faulk, EPA
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Administrative Record: 200-CS-1 Operable Unit