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Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy - Richland Operations Office
Environmental Assurance, Permits, and Policy Division
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 100-N Sewage Lagoon Effluent Improvement Actions

In a letter dated February 17, 1999, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) requested that the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (USDOE-RL) address the high levels of nitrogen and coliforms in the effluent discharged from the 100-N Sewage Lagoon under Permit ST-4507. On March 25, 1999, USDOE issued a letter proposing a two-phase approach for reducing nitrogen and coliform levels in the effluent from the 100-N Sewage Lagoon, including a schedule for completing the upgrades and operational changes.)

Ecology approves the program described in the above referenced letter and would like to commend USDOE for promptly addressing these issues. Ecology will monitor the progress of USDOE compliance with this program. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please call me at (509) 736-3011.

Sincerely,

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