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Mr. Randy Krekel
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Krekel:

Re: Deferral of Notice of Deficiency (NOD) process for 304 Concretion and 303-K Closure Plans (M-20-15 & M-20-13)

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As we discussed at the Unit Manager meetings for the above units, I am deferring the exchange of NOD/NOD Response Tables for these units. The only issues remaining for these closure plans are those regarding the appropriate closure standards. Since the closure standards are addressed in the Interim Soil Cleanup/Remediation for Hanford policy (policy), it is not constructive or efficient to spend time on the closure plans until the issues surrounding the policy are resolved.

Ecology has received the NOD Response Tables for each of these units, and the next cycle will be Ecology's comments on these tables. The NOD cycle will commence once again, following the resolution of the policy issues. The issue resolution process will be entered into in the near future, in an effort to resolve the controversy surrounding the policy. The dates for Ecology submittal of NOD's for these units will be dependent upon the date of resolution of the policy issues. It is anticipated that with the resolution of the policy issues the closure plans will move expeditiously towards completion.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (206) 459-6725.

Sincerely,

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