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Mr. David Templeton
United States Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
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Dear Mr. Templeton:

Re: 324 Building Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) Identification in the
Waste Information Data System (WIDS)

Thank you for providing a tour of the 324 Building, and the containment vessel information, requested by the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology has reviewed this information and believes there are at least seventeen (17) areas within the 324 Building, which consist of, or contain SWMUs. Recognizing that parts of the 324 Building are undergoing transition at different rates, Ecology requests that the SWMUs contained in the 324 Building be entered in the Hanford WID as "sub-sites" of the 324 Building. By doing this, the existence and status of the SWMUs can be tracked and their status should be maintained in the WIDS until such time as it changes, or final disposition is determined.

Ecology requests that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) respond to this letter with a proposal, including a schedule, which describes how the 324 Building SWMU information will be submitted to the designated custodian of WIDS, which is USDOE's Hanford Environmental Restoration Contractor, Bechtel Hanford, Inc. (BHI).

If you have any questions, please call Alisa Huckaby at (509) 736-3034.

Sincerely,

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