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Mr. Robert W. Wilson, Compliance Inspector  
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

**CHANGE IN HEXONE STORAGE AND TREATMENT FACILITY (HSTF) INSPECTION  
 FREQUENCY FOLLOWING STABILIZATION COMPLETION**

Reference is made to your letter to Peter Knollmeyer, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office and M. C. Hughes, BHI, "Approval for Stabilization of the Hexone Storage Treatment Facility," dated December 13, 2001.

This letter is to inform the State of Washington Department of Ecology of a change in the HSTF inspection frequency. The current daily and monthly inspections will shift to an annual inspection following HSTF stabilization. The HSTF inspection will be performed as part of the annual 202-S (REDOX) Facility inspection. The HSTF will be visually inspected for surface subsidence, weed control, and proper posting.

HSTF stabilization and grouting activities began on March 12, 2002, with the first grout pour for each tank containing a red concrete dye. Grouting was completed on March 22, 2002.

If there are any questions, please contact Paul Valcich, Plateau Transition Division, on (509) 373-9947.

Sincerely,

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