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Mr. Paul Dunigan, TPA Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Dunigan:

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the 30 Tank Characterization Reports (TCRs) submitted to fulfill the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement or TPA). Ecology has determined the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) has failed to meet the requirements of TPA Milestone M-44-08 for the following reasons:

- 1) Ecology has a number of technical concerns with the quality of the TCR documents. These technical concerns adversely impact the acceptability of the TCRs to meet the requirements of Milestone M-44-08 and will be forwarded in a separate letter.
- 2) USDOE did not involve Ecology and other external stakeholders in the Data Quality Objective (DQO) process. Therefore, the documents currently utilized by USDOE do not in fact represent the DQOs as required by Milestone M-44.
- 3) Tank Characterization Plans for the 30 TCRs were not submitted for Ecology review and approval as dictated by Milestone M-44-02.

If you need any further information on any of these issues, please call me at (509) 736-3018.

Sincerely,

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