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December 29, 2008

Mr. Gregory V. Cullen, Manager  
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Re: Dangerous Waste Closure Certification for the Columbia Generating Station Mixed Waste Storage Area (MWSA)

Dear Mr. Cullen:

The Department of Ecology completed its review of the MWSA closure certification. On November 13, 2008, Ecology conducted a physical walk-down of the facility to verify that closure performance standards were satisfied. We determined that the closure activities were performed according to the approved Dangerous Waste Facility Closure Plan, dated December 2007 (Washington State Dangerous Waste Part A Permit WAD980738488).

The closure certification was prepared according to Washington Administrative Code Chapter 173-303-610 and the approved closure plan. Based on the information provided in the closure certification letter, the approved closure plan, and the results of our visual verification, Ecology hereby accepts the closure certification for the MWSA.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Ayres at 509-372-7881 or me at 509-372-7885.

Sincerely,

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Transition Project Manager  
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