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January 31, 2013

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Mr. Kevin Smith, Manager  
Office of River Protection  
United States Department of Energy  
P.O. Box 450, MSIN: H6-60  
Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Proposed Notice of Construction (NOC) Approval Order for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP)

References: 1. USDOE Letter 12-ECD-0051, *Resubmittal of Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Nonradioactive Air Emissions Notice of Construction Permit Application Supplement to DE02NWP-002*, dated September 26, 2012  
2. BNI letter 24590-WTP-RPT-ENV-12-001, Rev 1, *Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Application Supplement to PSD-02-01, Amendment 2*, dated August 16, 2012

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) will hold a public comment period as required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173-400-171) on the draft Approval Order DE02NWP-002, Rev. 2, for the WTP. The public comment period is anticipated to run from February 4, 2013 through March 8, 2013.

The public comment period will be a joint comment period for the draft Approval Order and for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit amendment. DVD copies of the proposed approval order, proposed PSD permit, and other significant documents are located at the Hanford Public Information Repositories in Richland, Spokane, and Seattle, Washington, and in Portland, Oregon.

If you have any questions, please contact Philip Gent at 509-372-7983.

Sincerely,

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