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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager
Nuclear Waste Program
State of Washington
Department of Ecology
3100 Port of Benton Boulevard
Richland, Washington 99354

Dear Ms. Hedges:

SUBMITTAL OF PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST, TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION REQUEST, AND CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE 207-A SOUTH RETENTION BASIN TREATMENT, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL UNIT

This letter transmits a permit modification request (Attachment 1), temporary authorization request (Attachment 2), closure plan (Attachment 3), and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist (Attachment 4) for closure of the 207-A South Retention Basin. The closure plan was developed in a cooperative effort with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), and the participation of Nina Menard and Deb Alexander of your staff enabled issues to be resolved promptly. The result of that effort is a closure plan for the 207-A South Retention Basin that is acceptable to Ecology and the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office. Since field actions to implement the closure plan are expected to begin prior to approval of the permit modification request, a temporary authorization request to begin closure is included with this letter.

The 30 day advance notice of the upcoming public comment period for the permit modification was provided on June 1, 2015, to regional stakeholders as required by section 10.5.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. Within seven days of this letter, a notice of the permit modification request will be sent to newspapers and the mailing list announcing the date of the 60 day comment period and public meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ray Corey, Assistant Manager for the River and Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Charboneau".

Stacy Charboneau
Manager

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Attachments

cc: See page 2

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