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Ms. J. A. Hedges  
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**SUBMITTAL OF 325 HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT UNITS (HWTUs)  
TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION AND CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST**

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) transmitted a letter to your office on July 14, 2014. This letter stated that the submittal constituted both a Class 3 permit modification request and temporary authorization request for the 325 HWTUs.

In order to allow for 30 days advance notice of public involvement opportunities pursuant to the Tri-Party Agreement Public Involvement Plan, RL and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (collectively, the Permittees) wish to clarify that the July 14, 2014, submittal is a temporary authorization request only. It is being made in advance of the permit modification request. The formal submittal of the Class 3 permit modification should be deemed to be postponed until August 18, 2014, to allow for the Permittees 30-day advance notice to the public prior to commencing a public comment period.

The Permittees will send the temporary authorization request notice required pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-830(4)(e)(i)(C) not later than July 21, 2014. It will be accompanied by the 30-day advance notice of the upcoming public comment period.

The Permittees intend to send and publish the notice required by WAC 173-303-830(4)(c)(ii) regarding submittal of a Class 3 modification and commencing the 60-day public comment period on or within seven days of August 18. This would mean that the 60-day public comment period will begin on August 18 and run through October 17, 2014. The public hearing held by the Permittees in accordance with WAC 173-303-830(4)(c)(iv) is still planned for September 4, 2014.

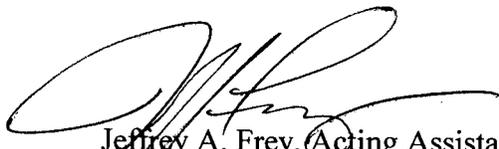
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Ed MacAlister, Director, Environmental, Safety, and Quality Division, on (509) 373-0462.

Sincerely,



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