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Mr. James D. Bauer, Acting Program Manager
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Department of Energy
Richland Field Office
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Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This letter replaces an earlier approval letter, dated March 18, 1994 for the deactivation of PUREX.

My staff and I have completed the review of the notification of the proposed deactivation of the Plutonium Uranium Extraction Plant (PUREX). We evaluated and compared the release rates during 1988 when the plant was active, and present expected release rates during the deactivation activities. The Department of Health agrees that the release rates will be lower than the rates were in 1988. Deactivation as described in the notification does not require further notification to DOH.

PUREX can proceed with the deactivation under the conditions presented in the notification. We request that you provide us with conceptual drawings of ventilation changes so that we may assure that no controls are bypassed during this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (206) 586-0254 or Randy Acselrod of my staff at (206) 586-8950.

Sincerely,

Allen Conklin, Head
Air Emissions and Defense Waste Section
Division of Radiation Protection

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