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Mr. James D. Bauer, Acting Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Bauer:

I have reviewed the Notice of Intent, and other documents for the proposed double-shell tank farms in the 200 Areas, and have noted that construction is tentatively scheduled for October 1994. A key element leading to the commencement of construction is the radioactive air emissions permitting process. The purpose of this letter is to offer some recommendations so this process can proceed smoothly.

These tanks represent a significant potential-to-emit, and therefore requires, a full Best Available Radionuclide Control Technology (BARCT) Analysis. The preparation and review of the BARCT report and Notice of Construction takes time. Our abatement technology requirements could affect the design of the facilities. I therefore recommend, that the permitting process begin as soon as possible, and that you involve the Department of Health in the design phase of this project. This approval will expedite the NOC approval process.

I fully support your efforts to meet agreed upon milestones, and will do my best to help move the project along on schedule.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Conklin, Head
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Division of Radiation Protection

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