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Dear Messrs. Hofer and Stanley:

ESTABLISH NEW INTERIM HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER
MILESTONE M-20-48

The 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks are currently being operated as a regulated waste treatment and storage unit under interim status. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office is requesting the establishment of a new interim Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone, M-20-48, for the submittal of the 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks Dangerous Waste Permit Application (Part B). A draft Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form reflecting this change is enclosed. Approval of this requested change will establish a date of May 31, 1996, for the submission of the Part B to the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It is suggested that disposition of this change request occur in the May 1993 project manager's meeting minutes.

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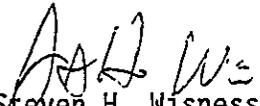
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Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact
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Sincerely,


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Control Form

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JUSTIFICATION FOR MAY 1996 SUBMITTAL
OF THE
241-Z TREATMENT AND STORAGE TANKS
PART B PERMIT APPLICATION

The Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) is currently undergoing an integrity assessment of its dangerous waste tank system as required by WAC 173-303. The scope of the integrity assessment includes the 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks (241-Z), waste tanks, containment vaults, and associated waste transfer piping. The waste transfer piping is within the structure and interconnecting waste transfer lines between the 236-Z, 234-5Z and 241-Z buildings which support the PFP mission. The mission of the PFP requires that the 241-Z remain in operation to receive waste generated during the stabilization campaign. The results of the waste tank system integrity assessment will establish the basis for identifying and scheduling corrective actions necessary for the continued operation of the 241-Z.

The 241-Z has been in service for approximately 40 years and is approaching the end of its expected operational life span. In light of this fact, Project C-031H, "Plutonium Finishing Plant Liquid Effluent Treatment Facility," was initiated to upgrade the 241-Z and its operation by replacing the existing tanks, piping, and operating control systems; replacing the existing interconnecting waste transfer lines between the 236-Z, 234-5Z, and 241-Z Buildings with direct buried double containment piping; and upgrading each tank's vault, structural integrity, and secondary containment capabilities. The DOE-RL Project Management Division issued a stop work on the construction and design of Project C-031H on October 23, 1992. RL requested Westinghouse Hanford Company to evaluate Project C-031H to determine the best options to redefine the scope to meet current mission needs for the PFP.

The current strategy is to operate the PFP in order to stabilize plutonium bearing solutions and chemically active solids to allow the PFP to be placed in a safe standby posture. This strategy requires that the Plutonium Reclamation Facility (PRF) to operate for 40 weeks beginning June 1993. Six months after the PRF ceases operations, the Remote Mechanical C (RMC) Line (located in the 234-5Z Building) will begin operations. The RMC Line is scheduled to operate for approximately 35 weeks. Characterization of the liquid waste generated by the PRF and the RMC Line will be conducted during these time frames.

Submittal of the 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks Part B Permit Application in May 1996 will allow time to develop complete and technically correct design and operating data that is fully consistent with the future of the PFP complex.

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