

memorandum

DATE: June 3, 1996

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: EM-38

SUBJECT: Approval to Remove Four 241-C Farm Ferrocyanide Tanks from the Watch List

TO: Jackson Kinzer, Assistant Manager
Tank Waste Remediation System
DOE Richland Operations Office

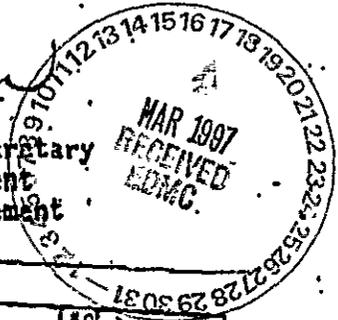
Your memorandum dated April 23, 1996, requested approval to remove four 241-C Tank Farm ferrocyanide tanks from the Watch List. Those tanks are identified as 241-C-108, 241-C-109, 241-C-111, and 241-C-112. Your memorandum also included the technical rationale for removing these tanks from the Watch List.

My staff concurs with your position that these tanks meet the SAFE category criteria, i.e., the concentration of fuel \leq 8 weight percent sodium nickel ferrocyanide, as defined by "Ferrocyanide Safety Program: Safety Criteria for Ferrocyanide Watch List Tanks," WHC-EP-0691, dated January 1994. Tanks that are categorized as SAFE have no serious potential for release of radioactive material from ferrocyanide reactions. Therefore, your request is approved and these four tanks are removed from the Watch List. Please be sure that your Watch List reflects this change.

This action resolves the safety issue for these 4 tanks but not for the remaining 14 ferrocyanide tanks on the Watch List.

Please keep Harry Calley, of my staff, informed on your progress in preparing the technical report for resolution of the safety issue for the remaining 14 ferrocyanide tanks. He can be reached at 301-903-7417.

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