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June 29, 1998

Mr. James E. Rasmussen
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Approval of Temporary Authorization Request (U.S. Department of Energy
Document 98-EAP-227)

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE's) request for a temporary authorization to implement improved emergency preparedness systems beginning July 1, 1998. The temporary authorization is required to allow USDOE to implement the improved procedures prior to final incorporation into the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit (Permit) scheduled for November 1998. Ecology has reviewed the revised documentation, listed in Enclosure 1, and found them to be more protective of human health and the environment, an improvement over the previous documentation, and will generally satisfy the requirements of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-830(4)(e). Therefore, Ecology is granting USDOE temporary authorization to implement those improved procedures. Final permit conditions required to bring the documentation fully into compliance with WAC 173-303 will be incorporated into Revision 5 of the Permit through Modification D. The temporary authorization is issued for 180 days, beginning July 1, 1998.

Three units included in your request, Low-Level Burial Grounds, Central Waste Complex, and Waste Receiving and Processing have been excluded because these units are still under interim status and do not require a temporary authorization.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3038

Sincerely,

Laura J. Cusack, P.E.
Hanford Facility RCRA Permit Manager

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Enclosure



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Enclosure 1
Permit Related Emergency Preparedness Documentation

- Hanford Emergency Response Plan (DOE/RL-94-02).
- 616 Non-Radioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility Building Emergency Plan.
- 242-A Evaporator Building Emergency Plan.
- Liquid Effluent Retention Facility/200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility Building Emergency Plan.
- PUREX Storage Tunnels Supplemental Contingency Plan.
- 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Units Building Emergency Procedure.
- 305-B Storage Facility Contingency Plan and Building Emergency Procedure.