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Dear Mr. Conklin:

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION (NOC) APPROVAL FOR TRANSITION OF THE 241-Z
 LIQUID WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY; REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF
 NOC

In response to your letter to J. B. Hebdon, RL, and J. E. Rasmussen, ORP, AIR-03-1108, dated November 17, 2003, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) has reviewed the draft approval conditions and limitations pertaining to the NOC application DOE/RL-2002-72, Revision 2, "Radioactive Air Emission Notice of Construction for transition of the 241-Z Liquid Waste Treatment Facility at the Plutonium Finishing Plant, 200 West Area, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington." RL requests that WDOH issue a final NOC approval containing the same conditions and limitations as the draft, as soon as possible. RL also requests that the NOC become effective immediately upon receipt of the final NOC in order to support the current schedule for 241-Z clean-up and removal. 60377

The staffs of our organizations should continue to work together with informal drafts to resolve issues, but as we have requested, please do not issue draft NOC approvals under formal correspondence for RL final acceptance. That process causes unnecessary delays in Hanford clean-up work, and the state regulations do not support a process that requires RL to accept a draft before a final approval is issued.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me, or your staff may contact Stacy Charboneau, of the PFP Project Office, on (509) 373-3841.

Sincerely,

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 Manager

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