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Addressees:

The Washington State Department of Health (WDOH) has received your letter titled "Application for Minor Modification Permit (AOP) (Number 00-05-006) for Inclusion of the Hanford Site Compliance Plan Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 61, Subpart H Amendment", dated December 22, 2003. 61086

The Minor Permit Modification calls for the incorporation of a Hanford Site Compliance Plan for implementation of the recently amended Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 61, Subpart H into the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit.

At this time, WDOH is in the process of adopting the Subpart H amendments into the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-247. This activity will not be completed before April of 2004. The Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the Washington State Department of Health agree that the requested minor modification to the Air Operating Permit cannot be completed until after the Subpart H amendment is adopted into the State regulations.

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Once the adoption of Subpart H into the WAC is completed, WDOH and Department of Ecology will reopen the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit to incorporate these amendments per WAC 173-401-730. At that time, the application for the Minor Permit Modification can be processed for inclusion of the Hanford Site Compliance Plan into the AOP.

If you have any questions please contact me at telephone (360) 236-3261 or John Schmidt at (509) 377-3827 or John Martell at (509) 377-3898.

Sincerely,



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