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Mr. Keith A. Klein, Manager
Richland Operations Office
United States Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A7-50
Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Withdrawal of 324/327 Stacks from Hanford Air Operating Permit

Dear Mr. Klein:

Between March 20 and April 21, 2006, the Department of Ecology conducted a public notice and comment period to remove three source licenses from the Hanford Air Operating Permit (AOP) with facility decontamination, decommissioning, and demolition. The documents reviewed during the comment period included the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis #2 for the 300 Area (DOE/RL-2005-84, Rev. 0) and radioactive air emissions licenses EP-324-01-S (Emission Unit ID 360), EP-327-01-S (Emission Unit ID 407), and EP-327-02-V (Emission Unit ID 408).

Ecology received no adverse comment during this review period. Ecology approves the withdrawal of these source licenses from the AOP contingent upon the following conditions:

1. Operations permitted within the approved subject licenses have ceased.
2. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) action will encompass the entire scope of facility activities and emissions permitted within the licenses.
3. Physical fieldwork of the CERCLA action has commenced.
4. The United States Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office must submit a Notice of fieldwork commencement (subject to verification) to Ecology and provide a copy to the Washington State Department of Health.



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We look forward to the start of this fieldwork to remove the facilities. The permit withdrawal will be effective upon submittal of the Notice of Condition #4 to the following addresses.

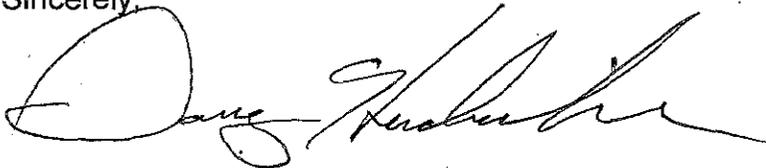
Submit Notice to:

Jane A. Hedges
Washington State Department of Ecology
3100 Port of Benton Boulevard
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Copy Notice Submittal to:

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Office of Radiation Protection
Washington State Department of Health
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Sincerely,



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