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Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

WITHDRAWAL OF 324/327 STACKS FROM THE HANFORD AIR OPERATING PERMIT

The Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) appreciates the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) assistance and support during the public comment period to remove the 324/327 stacks from the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit (AOP).

We are also providing the following comments to your letter to K. A. Klein, RL, same subject, dated April 26, 2006:

- With the removal of the special case waste from 327, both 324 and 327 have both entered the deactivation process. There are no "operations" that are outside the scope of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) response action.
- The Air Monitoring Plan (AMP) in the Removal Action Work Plan documents the substantive air quality protection requirements that would otherwise be identified in the AOP consistent with the Tri-Party Agreement, Article XVIII. The terms and conditions contained in the State of Washington Department of Health License and the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit for these two facilities will no longer apply once the removal action is initiated. (Approved Action Memorandum, DOE/RL-2005-84)
- CERCLA fieldwork associated with Action Memorandum #2 for the 300 Area will begin with the removal of hazardous materials under the auspices of the EPA approved Waste Management Plan.
- As a courtesy, RL will provide notification of field work commencement.

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- With issuance of the Waste Management Plan, CERCLA Cleanup Actions have now been initiated. This letter and the Issued Action Memorandum serve as your notice of transition of 324 and 327 to CERCLA.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may call Rudy Guercia, of my staff, on (509) 376-5494.

Sincerely,



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