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Dear Mr. Stanley:

CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SINGLE-SHELL TANK 241-C-106

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Field Office (RL) has received your letter dated June 1, 1992, regarding Single-Shell Tank 241-C-106. DOE is in the process of reviewing the items and observations you provided in that letter.

Your letter also contained a number of proposed changes to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) milestones M-05 and M-07. The RL staff are reviewing your proposals and discussing the items with DOE Headquarters to develop a timely response. RL Manager John Wagoner forwarded a letter on May 4, 1992, to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) outlining a process to begin discussions on issues concerning Single-Shell Tank stabilization. DOE and the regulators have scheduled initial technical discussions on M-05, stabilization for June 23, 1992. It would be appropriate to expand the agenda for that meeting to include discussion of the Tri-Party Agreement changes that Ecology has proposed.

DOE recognizes Ecology's concern about possible leakage from Single-Shell Tank 241-C-106. We are currently evaluating the information attached to your letter and when that evaluation is completed we will be pleased to discuss our evaluation with you. We intend to work closely with Ecology and EPA in accordance with the program set forth in the Tri-Party Agreement to address issues concerning single-shell tanks. DOE will continue technical and operational efforts to monitor and maintain this tank to protect human health and the environment. To date we have found no evidence that leakage has or is occurring into the environment from this tank. DOE will pursue the necessary steps to monitor this tank.



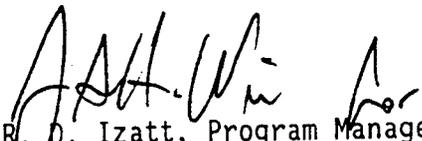
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DOE is committed to quickly and reasonably considering and responding to the suggestions and proposals of your letter of June 1, 1992. It contains many areas of common agreement and provides an excellent basis of continuing the dialogue DOE and the regulators have regarding Single-Shell Tanks.

Sincerely,


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