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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Waiver of the Three-Step Process for Submission of Documents for Project L-070

On February 7, 1995, the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), Richland Operations Office submitted a request for a waiver from the requirement for a three-part submittal of engineering reports, plans, and specifications under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-240-110(5) for Project L-070. Project L-070 consists of upgrading the 300 Area process sewer collection system. The 300 Area process sewer system routes industrial wastewater to the 300 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility. 40214

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), in a letter dated January 11, 1994, 36899 stated a waiver could be granted provided USDOE submits an operations and maintenance manual and conceptual plans and information required by WAC 173-240-130(2)(a), (e), (h), (i), (j), (n), (s), (u), (v), (w), and (x). USDOE submitted the information requested by Ecology with the waiver request, except for the operations and maintenance manual. Ecology has reviewed the information provided, including the Advanced Conceptual Design Report, and Section 3.3 of WHC-IP-1000, 300 Area Liquid Effluent Facilities Administration, for spill control administration.

In accordance with WAC 173-240-110(5), Ecology hereby grants USDOE's request for waiver based on the information provided, with two conditions. First, the detailed plans and specifications will be submitted to Ecology, as required, by Milestone M-17-06J of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order. Secondly, USDOE shall submit an operations and maintenance manual for Ecology approval before the completion of construction, as required,

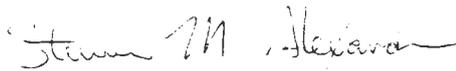


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by WAC 173-240-150(1). USDOE may choose to submit for Ecology approval a matrix which demonstrates the requirements for an operations and maintenance manual have been satisfied by other USDOE or contractor documents.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please call Melodie Selby at (509) 736-3021.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Records: Liquid Effluents Consent Order