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Ms. E. A. Bracken, Director  
Environmental Restoration Division  
Department of Energy  
P. O. Box 550  
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Ms. Bracken:

In May, our respective staffs routinely met to discuss issues related to radioactive air emissions. In that meeting, we were asked about the need for a notification prior to the installation of utilities to support construction of the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant (HWVP). It was our determination that, to follow the letter of the law, a notification would be required. However, we recognized that these utilities would have no impact on eventual required radionuclide control technology. Therefore, I accepted a verbal notification and gave verbal approval, with the condition that the Department of Energy and it's contractors accept all liability for these utilities possibly not being sufficient to support eventual control technology needs. The installation of any utilities or other equipment in this phased permitting approach must not preclude the installation of any radionuclide control equipment required at a later date. By giving that approval, we did not approve any equipment that in any way directly supports or impacts control technology requirements. A full Best Available Radionuclide Control Technology (BARCT) analysis is still required.

While I don't expect this to present any problems, I felt it was necessary to follow up the verbal approval with this letter, since the issue was discussed at the last HWVP Unit Manager's meeting.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Conklin, Head  
Air Emissions & Defense Waste Section  
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