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Dear Mr. Bauer:

This letter is in response to your Application for Determination of Construction or Modification, dated April 15, 1993, concerning leak detection activities at the 105-KE Fuel Storage Basin. The Application requests confirmation of previous discussions with my staff. In those discussions, my staff indicated that activities supporting efforts to locate a suspected leak at the 105-KE Fuel Storage Basin would not require prior approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The activities in question consist of movement of sludge in the discharge chute vicinity to allow operation of leak detection equipment.

Based on the information provided, I have determined that the activities described above do not require prior EPA approval, since these activities constitute routine "maintenance, repair, and replacement" under the provisions of 40 C.F.R. 61.15(d)(1).

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (206) 553-4152, or Richard Poeton at (206) 553-8633 for technical matters.

Sincerely,

Jim McCormick, Director Air and Toxics Division

cc: A. Conklin, WDOH



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