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July 11, 1994



Mr. Charles R. Pasternak, Manager
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Log: 062794-10-DOE
Re: 233-S Plutonium Concentration
Building Demolition

Dear Mr. Pasternak:

The Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) is in receipt of your letter regarding the above referenced action. From your letter, I understand that the Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office proposes to demolish the 233-S Building in the 200 West Area at the Hanford Site.

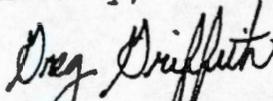
In response, our review of the documentation results in our opinion that the 233-S Building is not individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Though associated with the Cold War era, it is apparent that plutonium concentration processes employed at the building were neither new or unique. As the building was constructed in 1955, it does not appear to have exceptional significance that would make it individually eligible for the Register. However, 233-S does appear to merit consideration as a contributing element to a potential historic district centered on the adjacent REDOX facility as both plants were closely connected not only in location but also in operation. Therefore, before demolition, it is recommended that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) be developed identifying mitigating measures against the adverse effect arising from demolition.

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Charles, thank you for the opportunity to comment on these actions. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 753-9116.

Sincerely,



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cc: ✓ David Harvey
Paul Nickens