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Mr. Roger Freeberg
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Dear Mr. Freeberg:

Consolidation of Mixed-Waste

Please note the following in response to the July 25, 1989 letter to Roger Stanley from Mr. Izatt and Mr. Lerch regarding the on-site consolidation of mixed wastes at your facility. Ecology hereby approves your request to accept these materials at the 616 Storage Facility or at the Central Waste Complex, provided the following conditions are met:

- 1) The wastes have been designated per WAC 173-303-070;
- 2) Enough characterization of the waste has taken place to ensure that incompatible wastes will not be stored in a manner which violates the storage requirements of WAC 173-303;
- 3) Prior to any treatment or disposal decisions, complete characterization will occur;
- 4) That by August 31, 1989, USDOE will submit to Ecology a complete list of all the containers to be sent to either of these storage units which have not been completely characterized;
- 5) That USDOE include in the August 31, 1989 submittal (item 4 above) a timetable for completing the appropriate characterization;
- 6) That any person involved with the segregation of solid wastes from potentially hazardous wastes has received the appropriate training; and
- 7) That any segregated wastes be designated per WAC 173-303-070 as required in WAC 173-303-150(2).

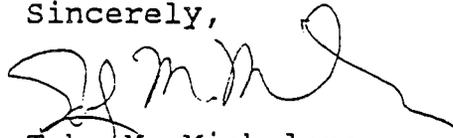
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With respect to the absorption of liquids within drums, as was discussed with your staff on July 26, 1989, incidental amounts of liquid (such as condensate in the drum, small volumes of liquid from broken vials, etc.) are considered acceptable for absorption. Any absorption involving larger quantities of liquid must be done at a permitted (or interim status) unit.

Finally, this action constitutes a one time only approval for these activities. All future waste accepted at these storage units must be completely characterized prior to receipt. Similarly, any wastes currently being accumulated or wastes planned to be accumulated at non-permitted accumulation units must be sent to the appropriate storage units within 90 days. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact me at (206) 438-7016.

Sincerely,



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RCRA Unit Supervisor

cc: Roger Stanley - Ecology
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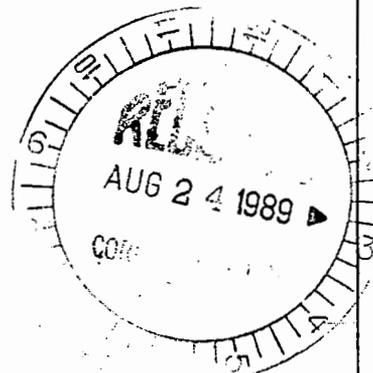
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