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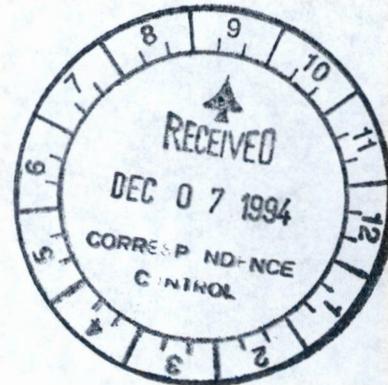
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November 16, 1994

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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

We have received and reviewed your August 16, 1994, letter to Ms. Julie Atwood regarding compliance with the Uniform Fire Code for the storage of sodium from the Fast Flux Test Facility. Your letter requests two deviations from the Uniform Fire Code. One deviation you propose is the omission of a fire sprinkler system, which would apply water to the contents of the building proposed to store metallic sodium. The second deviation is to exceed tank volume limits for the sodium. Based upon the information provided in your letter and the results of a state Fire Marshall Office review (Attachment 1), Ecology approves your request for the two deviations from the Uniform Fire Code.

Ecology and possibly the state Fire Marshall Office, will review your design in more detail during the Dangerous Waste permitting process. Should you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (206) 407-7132.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Witczak, Supervisor  
Regulatory and Technical Support Unit  
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Enclosure

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FROM THE FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY (FFTF)

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