

START

9713523_0242

0046334



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

1315 W. 4th Avenue • Kennewick, Washington 99336-6018 • (509) 735-7581

November 6, 1996

Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, WA 99352-0550

Mr. Kenneth Brogg, Director
Environmental Safety and Health
Pacific Northwest National Laboratories
P.O. Box 999, MSIN: P7-79
Richland, WA 99352-0550



Dear Messrs. Rasmussen and Brogg:

Re: 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Permit Treatment Exceedence

On September 26, 1996, the 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit (HWTU) treated waste in an amount greater than their permitted allowable volume of waste. According to Part A, which governs the operations of this facility, the allowable volume for treatment is 55 gallons per day. The operating logs revealed 144 gallons of waste was processed within a single 24 hour period. This error is in violation of the operating permit and WAC 173-303-950. Any violation of this chapter may be subject to the enforcement and penalty sanctions of chapter 70.105 RCW.

This error was discovered on September 27, 1996, and the appropriate notifications were made. The Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) policy is to evaluate an incident and proceed as warranted. Due to voluntary compliance for notification of the exceedence, and the extenuating circumstances under which the violation occurred, Ecology has determined formal action is not warranted in this incident. Ecology appreciates Pacific Northwest National

Messrs. Rasmussen and Brogg

November 6, 1996

Page 2

Laboratories readiness in working with the state on this matter, and their notification of this permit violation. This letter, along with a copy of the occurrence notification, will be placed in the administrative record for historical reference.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,



Greta P. Davis
325 Unit Manager
Nuclear Waste Program

GD:skr
Enclosure

cc: Anthony McKarnes, USDOE
Glenn D. Buckley, PNNL
Gary W. McNair, PNNL
Harold Tilden, PNNL
Mary Lou Blazek, ODOE
Administrative Record: H6-08 ✓