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Dear Messrs. Jaraysi and Witczak:

REDUCTION OF WEEKLY RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT TREATMENT/  
STORAGE/DISPOSAL UNIT INSPECTIONS AT THE 105-DR LARGE SODIUM FIRE  
FACILITY (T-1-1)

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and the Fluor Daniel Hanford (FDH) are requesting that weekly Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) unit inspections of the 105-DR Large Sodium Fire Facility, required by Washington Administrative Code 173-303-320, be reduced to semiannual inspections for the following reasons:

1. All dangerous waste has been removed from the unit.
2. All areas of the unit accessible to personnel have been clean closed.
3. The dangerous waste residues remaining in the unit are:
  - a. In areas not accessible to personnel,
  - b. Of relatively low hazard (primarily sodium bicarbonate, state-only dangerous waste (WT02), toxic category 'D'),
  - c. Protected from the effects of the environment and weather by the exhaust system structures, and
  - d. Relatively immobile due to being located inside the exhaust system structures.

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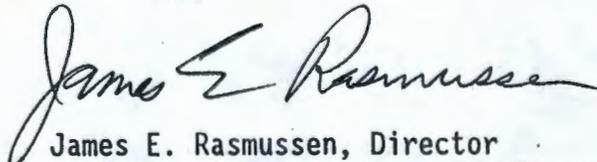
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4. Radiation survey results have allowed the areas of the unit accessible to personnel to be removed from a radiological control area.
5. The unit will remain vacant until final closure during the decontamination and decommissioning of the 105-DR Reactor.
6. The unit will remain locked to control access.

Since no dangerous waste remains at the unit, reducing the frequency of RCRA TSD unit inspections would allow resources to be redirected toward higher priority work.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ellen M. Mattlin, RL, on (509) 376-2385, Roger C. Bowman, RFSH, on (509) 376-4876, or Tom A. Dillhoff, BWHC, on (509) 376-0441.

Sincerely,



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