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Dear Mr. Haselberger:

HANFORD SITE RADIOACTIVE POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) WASTE

On November 25, 1991, Mr. R. N. Krekel and Mr. R. F. Guercia of the DOE Richland Field Office (RL) discussed the topic of Hanford Site radioactive polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste with Mr. Bill Hedgebeth of your staff. Mr. Hedgebeth was notified of RL's desire to enter into a Federal Facility Compliance Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 addressing the issue of DOE radioactive waste at the Hanford Site stored for more than one year. Mr. Hedgebeth indicated that the EPA would like to discuss this subject with RL. EPA will be notified at a later date with a proposed time and place to meet to begin discussing the details of a compliance agreement.

RL identified that DOE believes it is necessary that the Hanford Site continue to receive radioactive PCB waste from DOE off-site activities for storage since appropriate treatment and disposal facilities are not available for this unique hybrid waste form. Appropriate storage facility space is available at the Hanford Site. Mr. Hedgebeth indicated that the EPA does not object to RL continuing to receive radioactive PCB waste from DOE off-site activities for storage at the Hanford Site. The substance of this conversation was documented through a telephone conference memorandum which has been distributed to all parties.

RL will continue to receive additional radioactive PCB wastes from DOE off-site activities for storage since appropriate treatment and disposal facilities are not available. RL understands that the continued acceptance of this waste by the Hanford Site will not serve as the basis for an enforcement action by EPA for non-compliance with the one-year storage limit on PCB wastes.



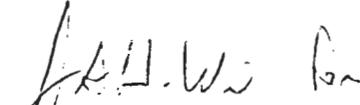
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Please address any questions on this matter to Mr. R. N. Krekel of my staff on
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Sincerely,



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