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Dear Mr. Nord:

NOTIFICATION THAT TREATMENT BY GENERATOR APPROVAL WILL NOT BE USED

Reference is made to your letter, "Request for Treatment by Generator for Submarine Reactor Compartment Waste," dated May 4, 1990. This letter approved a request which we had made to allow compacting of waste in trench 94 of the low-level burial grounds. This is for solid, hazardous waste generated from the removal of Polychlorinated Biyphenls (PCB) laden sound damping felt from submarine reactor compartments located at the Hanford Site. The purpose of this letter is to express our appreciation for your responsiveness to our request, but also to notify you that we will not be compacting waste within the scope of the referenced approval letter.

We will not compact this waste because the volume of waste to be treated was too small to justify accumulating it for compaction prior to approval of the treatment by generator request. Instead, all state regulated dangerous waste was permanently packed, uncompacted, into disposal drums. The fact that non-hazardous waste in the form of personal protective clothing was the only waste that the Shipyard would compact was noted to Mr. Toby Michelena of your staff by the Navy's Project Manager, Mr. L. Sharp, during Mr. Michelena's site visit on May 11, 1990. We acknowledge that when we realized we would not require the treatment by generator approval, we should have notified you formally. This was an oversight on our part which we regret. The total uncompacted volume of state-regulated dangerous waste which would have been compacted is three DOT 17C drums.

Mr. Michelena of your staff was notified verbally that we would not compact state regulated dangerous waste by Mr. David H. Brown of my staff on June 4, 1990. This was discussed with him further in a conference call between he, Mr. Brown and Mr. R. J. Benze of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on June 6, 1990.

Mr. Timothy L. Nord

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If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-1366 or Mr. Brown on (509) 376-9210.

Sincerely,


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