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Dear Messrs. Stanley and Sherwood:

ROUTINES-LIQUID LEVEL MONITORING SYSTEMS TRAINING FOR NUCLEAR PROCESS OPERATOR, MILESTONE M-05-17B (PROPOSED MILESTONE M-41-05)

Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order interim milestone M-05-17B. This milestone reads as follows:

"The USDOE shall complete the portions of the Nuclear Operator systems class and on-the-job training that relate to the Operator Routines and Liquid Level Monitoring. Documentation of completion of Operator training shall be provided by submittal of a letter from USDOE to EPA and Ecology."

As of December 21, 1993, Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) has trained and certified 72 Nuclear Process Operators in Routines-Liquid Level Monitoring. Based on a four-shift rotational schedule, only 40 operators are required to be qualified within the Routines-Liquid Level Monitoring certification to fully support the WHC Tank Farm Operations. Beginning on January 1, 1994, the WHC has committed that no operators will be allowed to perform Routines-Liquid Level Monitoring duties unless they have successfully completed the revised training program. The excess certified operators are available to fill any contingency that may arise.

The WHC will continue to complete the final certification of previously qualified operators. Only after these operators become fully certified will they be allowed to perform duties of the Routines-Liquid Level Monitoring certification area. Current estimates indicate that the recertification of the remaining 24 designated operators will be completed no later than January 31, 1994.

Training curriculum materials used to conduct the upgraded classroom and on-the-job training are available for review. The training and qualification records of each individual Nuclear Process Operator reflect the level of certification and can be reviewed following appropriate clearances.



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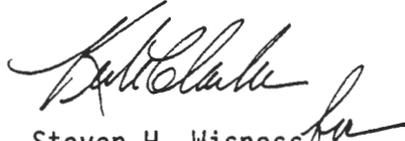
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Training for nuclear operators to satisfy the requirements of this milestone have been underway for some time. Mr. Scott McKinney of your staff has been apprised of the progress on this milestone. The status of this training was also discussed with you at the Milestone Review meeting held in Richland in November 1993. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office believes the actions required to successfully fulfill the requirements of milestone M-05-17B (proposed milestone M-41-05) have been completed.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-6798.

Sincerely,


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