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Re: Request for Temporary Authorization to Start Up and Operate the 242-A Evaporator

Reference: Letter 13-ECD-0073, dated September 11, 2013, from USDOE-ORP and WRPS to Ecology, "Transmittal of Class 2 Modification to the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Operating Unit Group 4, 242-A Evaporator (Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Unit: T-2-6) and Request for Temporary Authorization" 1221557

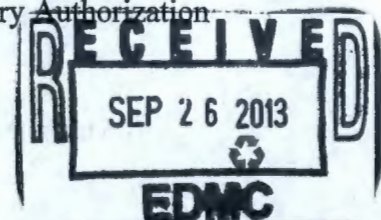
Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Olson:

The United States Department of Energy – Office of River Protection (USDOE-ORP) requested the Department of Ecology (Ecology) issue a Temporary Authorization for Class 2 Permit modifications to the 242-A Evaporator dangerous waste management unit. The modifications will allow for starting up and operating the 242-A Evaporator on October 9, 2013.

Ecology reviewed the information and justification for the Temporary Authorization, and finds that, as required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-830(4)(e):

1. The requested Temporary Authorization is for activities described in the Permittees' Class 2 Permit Modification Request.
2. The authorized activities comply with the standards of WAC 173-303-280 through 173-303-395 and WAC 173-303-600 through 173-303-680.
3. The Temporary Authorization is necessary to prevent the disruption of ongoing waste management activities. [WAC 173-303-830(4)(e)(iii)(B)(III)]

Therefore, Ecology grants this Temporary Authorization under WAC 173-303-830(4)(e) for 180 days, effective October 9, 2013, through April 7, 2014. This Temporary Authorization includes start up and operation of the 242-A Evaporator.



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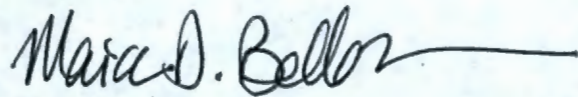
Ecology reminds USDOE-ORP of the risk the Permittees assume by proceeding before the permit modification is completed. The final decision on the permit changes will replace this Temporary Authorization, and any changes to the original modification request may affect areas for which this Temporary Authorization is approved.

We will follow the permit modification process in WAC 173-303-830(4)(b) for this proposed modification. That process requires a public comment period. Comments received during the comment period may result in changes to the permit modification.

After public review, Ecology expects to issue a permit modification incorporating the Class 2 Permit Modification into the Dangerous Waste Portion of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit for the Hanford Site (WA7890008967, Part III, Chapter 4, 242-A Evaporator).

If there are any questions regarding this Temporary Authorization, please contact Jeff Lyon, Tank Systems Operation and Closure Project Manager, at jeffery.lyon@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7914.

Sincerely,



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