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Dear Mr. Hebdon

Re: Follow-up on Information Request; Washington State Department of Ecology
Response to Air Emission New Source Review Evaluation for the Plutonium
Finishing Plant's 232-Z Deactivation Activities

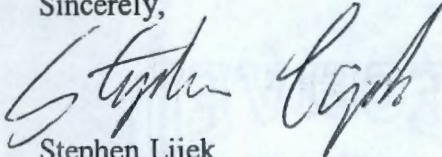
Reference: TRANSMITTAL OF CRITERIA AIR EMISSION NEW SOURCE REVIEW
EVALUATION FOR PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT'S 232-Z
DEACTIVATION ACTIVITIES, from Mr. J. Hebdon, Director, Department of
Energy Richland Operations Office Regulatory Compliance and Analysis
Division, to Mr. M. Wilson, Program Manager, Department of Ecology Nuclear
Waste program, dated November 5, 2002, including attachments

This letter documents a phone conversation between Mr. Kirk Petersen, 232-Z operations staff, and Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) held on November 21, 2002, providing additional information requested on the subject activities. Based on this meeting, Ecology agrees the proposed deactivation work, as outlined in the attachment to the reference, are exempt from Criteria Pollutant and Air Toxics permitting. The emissions from the activity are below Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-400-110 thresholds for criteria pollutants and less than WAC 173-460-080 Small Quantity Emission Rates (SQER), according to information provided to Ecology. The activity constitutes a minor modification to an existing source and is exempt under WAC 173-460-040(2)(b).

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If you have further questions, need more information or clarification please contact me at 736-3095.

Sincerely,



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