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Mr. Keith A. Klein
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United States Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A7-50
Richland, Washington 99352

RE: Request for Temporary Authorization to Operate 331-C Storage Unit

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the enclosed letter from David T. Evans at the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) requesting temporary authorization (TA) to operate the 331-C Storage Unit.

Ecology staff reviewed the request (see Reference). The request satisfies the criteria in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-830(4)(e)(iii)(B), and pursuant to WAC 173-303-830(4)(e)(iii)(B)(I), we find that the TA allowing the 331-C Storage Unit (331-C) to operate is necessary to facilitate timely closure of the 305-B Storage Facility. Ecology concurs with coordination of closure activities at the 305-B Storage Facility with the 300 Area removal actions regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This TA will be in effect for 180 days, from March 20, 2006 to September 20, 2006.

I am issuing this TA to allow the 331-C to operate while Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program personnel process your certified Class 3 permit modification to the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit.

With this TA, you may operate the 331-C to collect, consolidate, package, and store for shipment those dangerous wastes described in Section 3.1 of your draft permit application. Waste management operations must comply with the provisions of the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit and the Washington

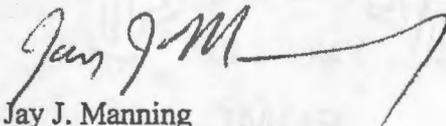


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Dangerous Waste Regulations. These operations may not exceed the performance standards in Section 2.3 and must follow the management practices described in Chapters 3.0 and 4.0 of your certified application.

If you have any questions concerning this TA, contact Ron Skinnarland at (509) 372-7924 or Rick Bond at (509) 372-7885.

Sincerely,



Jay J. Manning
Director

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