



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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August 19, 2005

Reply to
Attn. of: OAWT-107

Keith A. Klein, Manager
United States Department of Energy,
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
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Re: Request for Approval of Alternate Reuse Practices for the 200-Area Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) Treated Effluent, 05-AMCP-0378, dated August 3, 2005

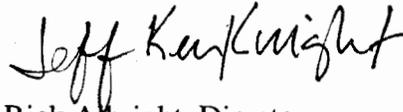
Dear Mr. Klein:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA) is in receipt of your referenced communication, submitted pursuant to Condition 7 of the Hanford 200-Area ETF delisting exclusion, 70 Federal Register (FR) 44496, August 3, 2005. EPA has reviewed your proposal, and finds that the risk and potential human health or environmental exposures from such alternate treated effluent disposal or reuse practices do not warrant retaining the waste as a hazardous waste. This letter constitutes written approval by EPA of your proposal. Non-hazardous treated effluents may be managed according to the alternate practices proposed in your letter of August 3, 2005 in lieu of the State Authorized Land Disposal Site (SALDS) disposal requirement in paragraph (3)(a) of the final 200-Area ETF delisting exclusion. Quantities of non-hazardous treated effluent for each use shall not exceed the estimated annual volumes in your August 3, 2005 letter without prior written approval by EPA. In addition, disposition of non-hazardous treated effluent after each of the enumerated alternate reuse or disposal practices shall be as documented in your August 3, 2005 letter, unless otherwise approved of in writing by EPA.

EPA notes that your August 3, 2005 letter, submitted to pursuant to Condition 7 of the revised ETF delisting exclusion, pre-dates the effective date of the revised exclusion rule. EPA understands that this timing of the Condition 7 submission is a practical necessity to ensure preparations necessary for compliant operations under the revised ETF exclusion rule are completed prior to the rule's effective date. Therefore, EPA is issuing its approval at this time, effective as of the effective date of the revised ETF exclusion rule. Of course, prior to the effective date of the revised ETF exclusion rule, EPA expects that the United States Department of Energy will continue to maintain compliance with the original ETF exclusion rule.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Dave Bartus at (509) 372-7938, or Bartus.dave@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



for Rick Albright, Director
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