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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION X
COMMENTS ON THE GROUP 6 GAS CYLINDERS AT WASTE AREA GROUP 3, OPERABLE
UNIT 3-13 (EM-ER-01-166)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

This letter transmits the response to Mr. Wayne Pierre's comments in his letter dated September 24, 2001, concerning the WAG 3 Group 6, Site 94 sampling results. Mr. Pierre expressed his concern for the elevated levels of fluoride still present at the site after removal of the gas cylinders. Since EPA concurrence could not be obtained to proceed with soil stabilization of CPP-94, this activity will be postponed until FY-03, should funding be available. No adverse risk to workers should result from any material remaining in place. The Institutional Control signage will remain and surveillance activities will continue until stabilization activities can occur. Continued storm water compliance, including weed control, will be maintained under the WAG 3 Institutional Control Program.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Rachel Collins at (208) 526-1661.

Sincerely,

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