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Dear Mr. Bussell:

RISK-BASED DISPOSAL APPROVAL (RBDA) EXTENSION REQUEST FOR STORAGE OF TWO POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL BULK PRODUCT WASTE WATER TANKS ON THE HANFORD SITE

- References:
1. Amended Record of Decision, Decision Summary and Responsiveness Summary for the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility, EPA, 0702006, dtd. May 2007.
 2. EPA Ltr. to K. A. Klein, RL, from M. A. Bussell, "Approval of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Risk-Based Disposal Approval (RBDA) Application for Storage of Two Water Tanks Pending Disposal," OCE-164, 0700706, dtd. January 23, 2007.

On January 23, 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved a one-year RBDA for the storage of two PCB bulk product waste water tanks pending disposal (Reference 2). If the tanks have not been disposed of within the year, the RBDA allows for yearly extensions via a written request no later than thirty days prior to the end of the one-year storage period. The request must document options for final decontamination, disposal and/or recycling alternatives that have been evaluated, and the results of such evaluations as justification for the requested schedule extension (see condition 2 of Reference 2).

RL has evaluated onsite and offsite options for disposal and/or recycling, and has elected to dispose of the PCB bulk product waste tanks in the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF) at Hanford. Approval of the ERDF Amended Record of Decision in May 2007 (Reference 1) now provides a path for the tanks to be disposed of at ERDF. The necessary waste acceptance documentation to allow disposal of the tanks has been initiated.

RL requests a one-year extension to the RBDA to develop the documentation to send the PCB bulk product waste tanks to ERDF, to prepare the necessary work documents, and to arrange for resources to size-reduce the tanks and ship them to ERDF.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Tony McKarns, Safety and Engineering Division, on (509) 376-8981.

Sincerely,

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