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Mr. Lee Zeldin, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Zeldin:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, HANFORD FIELD OFFICE SUBMITTAL OF VARIANCE PETITION UNDER 40 CFR 268.44, "VARIANCE FROM A TREATMENT STANDARD," FOR HANFORD PRETREATED TANK WASTE

The U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office (HFO) manages mixed waste at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington. The hazardous component of the mixed waste is subject to the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," including regulations at 40 CFR 268, "Land Disposal Restrictions." HFO is proposing to grout pretreated Hanford tank waste at commercial treatment facilities and dispose of the grouted tank waste offsite.

The purpose of this letter is to transmit HFO's variance petition in accordance with 40 CFR 268.44, "Variance from a Treatment Standard," to effectuate the alternative treatment and out-of-state disposal of grouted tank waste. If granted, the variance would allow certain pretreated tank waste to be stabilized at commercial facilities and disposed of at facilities located in Andrews County, Texas, and Clive, Utah. As required under 40 CFR 268.44(b), this variance petition is being submitted in accordance with the rulemaking petitions procedures in 40 CFR 260.20, "General."

If you have any questions, please contact me, or you may contact Robert M. Irwin, Assistant Manager, Tank Waste Operations, at (509) 373-9820.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:
Hanford Variance Petition

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