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Dear Mr. Taylor:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – DECLARATION OF READINESS FOR LIMITED CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST ACTIVITIES

Reference: CCN 020503, Letter; R. F. Naventi, BNI, to M. K. Barrett, ORP, "Request for Review and Approval of the Limited Construction Authorization Request for the River Protection Project – Waste Treatment Plant," dated June 5, 2001

The purpose of this letter is to inform the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE), Office of River Protection that the River Protection Project-Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) is ready to commence construction activities identified under the Limited Construction Authorization Request (LCAR). This determination is based on the completion of an in-depth project Readiness Assessment analysis by department and a review by the Project Management team, which includes:

- Establishment of necessary prerequisites for commencing limited construction activities.
- Verification that established prerequisites are complete and satisfactory to safely commence limited construction activities.
- Ensuring achievement of adequate safety, quality, and conformance to applicable laws and regulations.

Previous discussions and meetings with the ORP have communicated our processes and timeframe for the start of construction activities. The specific activities planned in LCAR Phases A and B are being incorporated into the LCAR document and will be the subject of an Authorization Basis Change Notice to be transmitted separately.

We recognize that the OSR's inspection activities are ongoing and completed records of the WTP Project's readiness activities are available for their review.