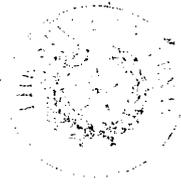


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# TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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July 2, 1999

Mr. Jerry S. Johnson  
Assistant Area Manager  
United States Department  
of Energy, Pantex Plant  
P.O. Box 30030  
Amarillo, Texas 79120-0020

Re: Exemption Registration No. ~~40871~~ 41577  
Building 12-63  
Panhandle, Carson County  
Account ID No. CF-0019-W

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to your exemption registration, Form PI-7, concerning the installation of an air collection and abatement system for Bay No. 3 at the above-referenced building at the Pantex Plant in Carson County. We understand that the filtering system you have installed will control at least 99.97 percent of the emissions associated with the sanitizing of explosives. You have estimated maximum, abated emissions of the compound of greatest concern, beryllium at 4.72E-9 pounds per hour. You have documented the location of the emissions points at least 3,000 feet away from any off-site receptors.

Accordingly, and after evaluating the entirety of your submittal, we have determined that this project conforms to the criteria of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Sections 106.261 and 106.262, if constructed and operated as described in your application. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Executive Director authorized these exemptions pursuant to 30 TAC Chapter 106. We have included copies of the exemptions in effect at the time of this registration. You must operate in accordance with all of their requirements.

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We remind you that regardless of whether a permit is required, you must ensure compliance of these facilities with all air quality rules and regulations of the TNRCC and of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at all times.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions concerning these exemptions, please call Mr. Terry Murphy at (512) 239-1587 or write to him at Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Permits Division (MC-162), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Sincerely,



*for* Tammy Villarreal  
Manager, Chemical Section  
New Source Review Permits Division

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Lee, Air Program Manager, Amarillo

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