

September 14, 2001

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUEST TO REVIEW AND APPROVE AN
EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR PART 70 (TAC L52299)

Dear Mr. Warren:

I am responding to your letter dated July 23, 2001, which requested an exemption from 10 CFR Part 70 for the PermaFix Environmental Services (PermaFix) facilities in Kinston and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Gainesville, Florida. Your letter provides information regarding PermaFix and its licensing structure, and a description of activities at each of the facilities.

We have determined that the information provided with your letter is sufficient to begin processing your request. We have also had discussions with the States of Florida and Tennessee on the exemption approach. Both States agreed that we could proceed with the review, and we will coordinate our review closely with each State.

The next step is to visit the PermaFix sites and facilities for a site tour and technical exchange to gather information about processes and procedures at the sites. Mr. Tim Harris, of my staff, will coordinate these visits with you over the next several months. The waste processing technologies used at the PermaFix sites are one area in which we are particularly interested. At the time of the NRC visit, you should have technical staff available to describe these processes in detail.

Following the site visits, we will inform you of the schedule for completing our review. A notice of your request will be published in the Federal Register. During the review of your request, we may identify omissions in the submitted information or technical issues that require additional information. If additional information is needed before we can complete our review, the schedule will be revised accordingly.

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A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to our License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Controller, which will contact you separately for billing information since your request is subject to full cost recovery.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Tim Harris, of my staff, at (301) 415-6613.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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cc: Eddie Nanney, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
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