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Greetings:

I have several question concerning WDOE's role in overseeing the Hanford WTP's production startup activities.

Once US-DOE's own WTP startup activities and their operational readiness review activities are complete, and US-DOE states that WTP is ready to go live with processing of Hanford's tank waste material, does WDOE have to give its own separate approval for WTP production operations to begin?

If that is the case, I would presume that WDOE would be using US-DOE's own production readiness assessments as the basis for granting or denying approval for initiating production operations. Is that correct?

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