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**JUL 18 2012**

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Dear Ms. Hedges:

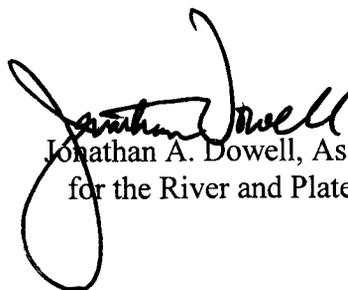
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RESPONSE TO "NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE HANFORD FACILITY RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT PERMIT, PART VI POST CLOSURE UNIT 2, 183-H SOLAR EVAPORATION BASINS, DANGEROUS WASTE PORTION, REVISION 8C, ID NO. WA 7890008967," DATED JULY 2, 2012

This letter is in response to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter dated July 2, 2012, received on July 5, 2012. The cited letter alleged non-compliance with monitoring limitations for the 183H-Solar Evaporative Basins and requires a response by July 19, 2012. The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) believes that Ecology's letter contains factual errors and incorrect conclusions; however, we need more time to resolve the validity and extent of those issues with your staff.

RL requests a 30 day extension to respond to this letter so both RL and Ecology can meet and discuss the issues and propose a plan to move forward with their resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact, Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 373-6137.

Sincerely,



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for the River and Plateau

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