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James E. Rasmussen  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 3718-F Alkali Metal Treatment and Storage Facility Closure

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your letter of June 24, 1997, requesting a three month extension to the Hanford Sitewide Permit, Modification B, Condition V.13.B.h. This permit condition requires that 3718-F closure activities be completed by June 24, 1997. The extension request is approved for three months. The new completion date is September 24, 1997. During this time Ecology expects all closure activities to be completed. In the future Ecology expects written requests to be submitted in advance of deadlines to allow adequate time for evaluation and avoid noncompliance with permit conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3019 or Clint Stuart at (509) 736-3010.

Sincerely,

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