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December 22, 1997

Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, WA 99352-0550

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Modification Request for State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4501, 400 Area
Secondary Cooling Water

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and is reviewing the request for modification of State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4501 from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE). Enclosed is a copy of the draft-modified permit for your review. Because the changes are classified as a major modification, a public review period is required.

To reduce costs, Ecology will combine the 400 Area permit modification public comment period with the public comment periods for modification of permit ST-4500 (200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility) and the Notice of Intent for the second Miscellaneous Streams State Waste Discharge Permit (cooling water and condensate discharges). Tentatively, a public notice will be published in the December 28, 1997, edition of the Tri-City Herald. A 30-day public comment period will follow the publication of the notice.

If there are any questions about this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3011.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Skurla, Project Manager
Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosure

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