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February 4, 1998

Mr. James E. Rasmussen
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Draft State Waste Discharge Permit ST4509

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) as developed a draft permit and fact sheet that is based on your *State Waste Discharge Permit Application for Cooling Water and Condensate Discharges (DOE/RL-96-41, Rev 0)*. Please review the enclosed draft permit and fact sheet. Factual comments that the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) would like to see considered by Ecology, prior to the formal public comment period, need to be submitted to Ecology by March 4, 1998. The permit issuance process will not be delayed if USDOE misses this date.

The 30-day public comment period for this draft permit and fact sheet is expected to begin around March 9, 1998. The public notice of draft permit will be made at that time in the Tri-City Herald and in a mailing to parties of record. The proposed permit conditions in the draft permit could be changed during the public review process.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this draft permit or the permit issuance process, please contact me at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosure

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Administrative Records: Liquid Effluents Consent Order



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