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March 5, 1998

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

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Draft State Waste Discharge Permit ST4509 for Public Comment

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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has 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)*. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet were sent to the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) for factual review and comment on February 4, 1998. The draft permit and fact sheet have subsequently been slightly modified due to comments by Ecology's Water Quality Program. The attached copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are being made available for the formal public comment period.

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The public comment period for this draft permit and fact sheet will start on March 9, 1998, and will last for 30 days, ending on April 7, 1998. The public notice of draft permit will be made March 8, 1998, 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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