



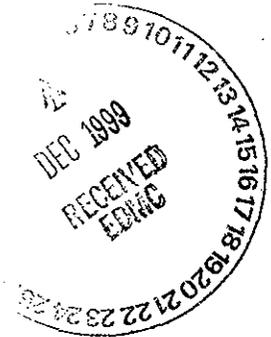
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November 23, 1999

Mr. Steven H. Wisness
United States Department of Energy
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Richland, Washington 99352



Dear Mr. Wisness:

Your *Reapplication for State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4502 for the 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility (99-EAP-462)* was received by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on August 30, 1999. The Permit Reapplication was reviewed and determined to be sufficiently complete for Ecology to begin preparing a Draft Permit. The public notice of application will be made in the *Tri-City Herald* on November 22 and 29, 1999.

Ecology is acting on the new Permit and expects to issue it prior to the April 18, 2000, expiration date of the current Permit. The current Permit will remain in effect until the new Permit is issued.

As the permitting process continues, I will notify you of any additional data needs. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,

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