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Mr. James E. Rasmussen
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

On September 30, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (USDOE/RL) submitted a request for modifications to the State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4501 for the 400 Area Secondary Cooling Water Discharge Ponds. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the request and is hereby issuing modifications in the form of three (3) page changes to Permit ST-4501. Please ensure that these changes are incorporated into the original Permit maintained by the operators at the facility.

The changes are deemed minor Modifications to Permit Sections S.8 and G.20. The Modifications in Section S.8 include the Modification of one footnote, and the addition of another footnote in the table. These Modifications add specific sampling requirements during periods in which the continuous monitoring equipment is out of service due to power failure, maintenance, or unanticipated equipment failure. The change in Section G.20 removes a typographical error and clarifies that the emergency procedures for taking a "contaminated waste stream" off-line must be included in the Operations and Maintenance Manual.

If there are any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to call me at (509) 736-3011.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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