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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed a Draft Permit and Fact Sheet based on your *Reapplication for State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4501 for the 400 Area Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) Process Sewer System (01-RCA-113)*. Please review the enclosed Draft Permit and Fact Sheet. Factual comments that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) would like to have considered by Ecology prior to the Permit issuance process need to be submitted to Ecology by September 2, 2003. **The Permit issuance process will not be delayed if USDOE misses this date.**

Renewals of state wastewater discharge permits that do not have an increase in volume or a change in nature of the wastewater do not require public notice of application or public notice of draft permit. **A thirty (30) day public comment period for this Draft Permit and Fact Sheet will not be necessary**; however, the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet will be placed on Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program website for review. The proposed Permit Conditions in the Draft Permit could be changed during the review process.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding these documents, or the Permit issuance process, please contact me at (509) 736-3045.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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