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Dear Ms. Hedges:

PROJECT L-334: EXTENSION REQUEST FOR ONE-TIME LIMITED DURATION
DISCHARGE PERMIT, STATE WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT ST-4511

The purpose of this letter is to transmit an extension request for the one-time limited duration discharge permit issued on January 7, 2005, (05-OES-0030) on Project L-334. This permit was required by State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology), State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4508, Section S7 (A). The State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4508 has since been replaced by State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4511. The permit requirements have not changed.

Project L-334 requires replacing aging Export Water System gate valves with computer-controlled butterfly valves. Project L-334 will also install remote isolation and monitoring capabilities for the existing export water system to allow timely isolation during water line ruptures or other potential system upsets. Export water line ruptures have occurred in the past, and isolation capabilities are essential in order to minimize the potential for environmental damage.

Due to a longer than anticipated procurement cycle and other issues encountered during construction, the project has not progressed as originally expected. No construction activities are currently underway; however, the construction activities are expected to resume in late May 2006. We would appreciate Ecology's review and hopefully approval of this extension request within 14 days of letter receipt.

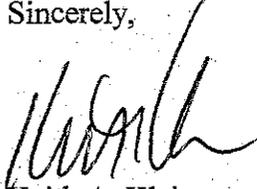
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If you have questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Doug S. Shoop, Assistant Manager for Safety and Engineering, on (509) 376-0108.

Sincerely,



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