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Re: Extension of Final Corrective Measure, Interim Status Permits, for Submittal of a Certified Final Facility Permit Application for the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF), 200 East Area of Hanford-Docket Number 00NWPKW-1204

Dear Mr. Klein and Mr. Van Leuven:

On approximately August 8, 1999, the Department of Ecology conducted an inspection at the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF). The inspection was performed to assess interim status requirements for the treatment, storage, and disposal of dangerous waste. The inspection also included a review of the WESF Part A, Form 3. As a result of this inspection, Ecology issued a Notice of Correction (NOC) to the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) and Fluor Hanford (FH) on June 12, 2000. The NOC cited USDOE and FH with five violations as found in the Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 Washington Administrative Code and 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 265. The NOC also specified corrective measures with time frames to rectify the violations.

Ecology, USDOE, and FH worked together to resolve the outstanding compliance issues identified in Ecology's NOC, whereby Ecology performed a follow-up inspection on May 24, 2001, confirming that four of the five violations cited in the NOC had been corrected. Ecology sent a letter stating that those four violations were satisfied.

The fifth and final corrective measure of the NOC is a submittal of the certified final facility permit application for the WESF, to be submitted to Ecology no later than June 30, 2006. FH submitted a draft final facility permit application to Ecology in March 2004. Ecology has reviewed the Part B permit application and has worked closely with USDOE and FH through the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) process. Completion of the NOD process and resolution of the NOD comments will be concluded in June 2006.

Ecology is extending the timeframe for submittal of the WESF certified Part B application to August 31, 2006. This will allow FH and USDOE the appropriate time to complete their review process and to prepare the certified Part B application for submittal to Ecology.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 509-372-7890.

Sincerely,



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