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Dear Mr. Ceto:

COMMENTS ON THE REMEDIAL DESIGN/REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN FOR THE
221-U FACILITY, DOE/RL-2006-21, DRAFT A

- References: (1) Ecology ltr. to M. S. McCormick, RL, from R. Bond, "Comments on Revised Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan for the 221-U Facility [DOE/RL-2006-21, Draft A]," dtd. March 27, 2007. *0072626*
- (2) EPA ltr. to M. S. McCormick, RL, from C. Cameron, "Additional U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comments on the Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan for the 221-U Facility," dtd. March 20, 2007. *0072571*
- (3) EPA ltr. to M. S. McCormick, RL, from C. Cameron, "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comments on the Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan for the 221-U Facility," dtd. March 7, 2007. *0072356*

The purpose of this letter is to request a 60 day extension to respond to the comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan for the 221-U Facility, DOE/RL-2006-21, Draft A, in References (1), (2), and (3).

Section 9.2 of the Tri-Party Agreement provides a 30-day period for the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) to respond to the comments. The start of the comment resolution period is March 20, 2007, which is the date RL received the additional comments from EPA. RL officially received comments from Ecology on March 15, 2007, via e-mail. The extension will move the end of the comment response development from April 19, 2007 to June 18, 2007.

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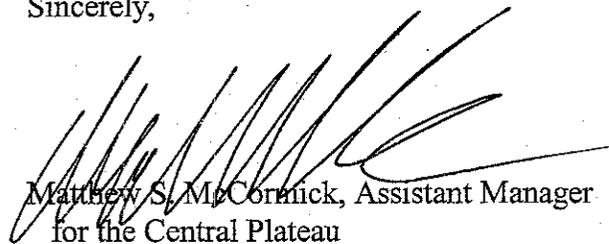
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This extension is necessary to provide additional time to address the diversity and number of comments received from EPA and Ecology on the Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan, and to allow sufficient time for project level interaction between the agencies to clarify comments and work together to draft responses.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact, Larry Romine, of my staff, on (509) 376-4747.

Sincerely,



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