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**Re: Request for Extension to Disposition Regulatory Comments on the
100-NR-1 and 100-NR-3 Operable Unit Work Plans**

Dear Mr. Wisness:

This letter is in response to the USDOE request received April 23, 1991 for an extension to disposition regulatory comments on the 100-NR-1 and 100-NR-3 Operable Unit Work Plans. This extension has already been granted as indicated in our transmittal letter of March 15, 1991 which allowed the full 90 days for disposition of these comments, i.e. until June 19, 1991, as USDOE has requested.

On April 24, 1991 a meeting was held in Olympia to discuss the 100-H area and 100-N area work plans. Representatives from USDOE, WHC, A.T. Kearney and Ecology were in attendance. This was an informative and productive meeting that we hope served to clarify the level of detail and consistency Ecology believes is required in work plans to ensure success in their implementation. The following summarizes our understanding of agreements made in that meeting.

o USDOE and Ecology agree to work toward resolving all comments regarding the 100-NR-1 and 100-NR-3 work plans no later than June 19. In order to achieve this objective, a meeting was scheduled for May 7 and 8 in Olympia to further discuss the comments. Due to ongoing negotiations regarding the USDOE change request, this meeting has been postponed.



o USDOE agrees to begin incorporating comments into these work plans, and to begin writing the 100-NR-2 Operable Unit Work Plan no later than July 1, 1991.

The 100-N area work plans, to include a source operable units work plan covering the 100-NR-1, -2, and -3 Operable Units, and a ground water operable unit work plan covering the 100-N area, will be submitted to Ecology no later than November 1, 1991.

o USDOE will provide "pre-decisional" sections of these work plans to Ecology as they become available. This will allow Ecology to work with USDOE and its contractors in a more collaborative manner. It is anticipated this will result in work plans being reviewed, revised and approved more efficiently.

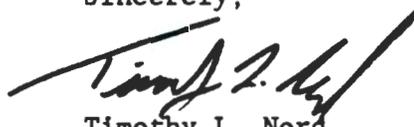
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- o Revised text within the work plans will be summarized, or otherwise noted in the work plans order to facilitate the review of proposed changes.

In accordance with Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order schedule requirements, these work plans should be available for public review no later than December 15, 1991. It is anticipated that once approved in mid February, non-intrusive and intrusive field work will begin according to the schedules defined in the work plans.

If you have any questions on this matter, please call Larry Goldstein at (206) 438-7018.

Sincerely,



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