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Mr. James E. Rasmussen
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Submittal of "Single Shell Tank Retrieval Sequence and Double Shell Tank Space Evaluation", RPP-8554, Revision 1, for Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestones M-45-02K and M-46-00I.

Thank you for submitting the combination report on "Single-Shell Tank Retrieval Sequence and Double Shell Tank Space Evaluation", RPP-8554, Revision 1.

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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the report and will require a ninety (90) day extension to address concerns regarding the Double Shell Tanks space that is needed to accommodate the Single Shell Tanks accelerated retrieval plan (26-40 tanks).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3098.

Sincerely,

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