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Ms. Shirley J. Olinger, Manager  
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Re: Department of Ecology Approval of Continued Suspension of Submittal of Single-Shell Tank (SST) System Closure Plans

Dear Ms. Olinger:

The Department of Ecology approves your request to extend the suspension of submittal of the SST System Closure plans until 180 days after the issuance of the final Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Study, as described in Appendix I of the Tri-Party Agreement. We may require additional initial SST closure information as early as January 31, 2011. We will request this information at least 90 days in advance of the submittal date.

If there are any questions, contact me at 509-372-7914.

Sincerely,

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Tank Waste Storage Project Manager  
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Reference: Letter 09-ESQ-170, dated May 21, 2009, from S. J. Olinger, USDOE to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "Continued Suspension of Submittal of Single-Shell Tank (SST) System Closure Plans"

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