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September 28, 1992

Mr. Steve Wisness
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

Re: Request for extension to Milestone M-31-02 (Recommend additional double shell tank milestone(s), September 30, 1992.)

Ecology has reviewed your request for an extension to the above milestone. We agree that there may be changes to the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) during the coming months, and that the TWRS strategy may have an impact on the need for double shell tanks in the future. However, we are concerned with the timeliness of your request.

Ecology received a faxed copy of your request for an extension to the above milestone on September 24, 1992. We received the original signed copy on September 28, 1992. Provided we acted on the faxed copy that was received on the September 24, Ecology would still have until October 1, 1992, to respond to your request. This means that if Ecology took all of the allowed time to respond to this request, the milestone would be missed even if Ecology had intended to approve it.

The TWRS process has been going on for some time, and the date for rebaselining was established last spring. Given the long lead times, Ecology sees no reason for the lateness of your request. As of October 1, 1992, Ecology will consider this milestone missed. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Scott McKinney at (206) 459-6725.

Sincerely,

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