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July 30, 2020

20-NWP-122

Brian T. Vance, Manager
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Re: Request to Extend the Date for Beginning Closure for T Plant Dangerous Waste
Management Unit (DWMU) 2706-TA Building and 2706-T Yard

References: See page 2

Dear Brian T. Vance:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received and reviewed the request from the United States Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office (USDOE-RL) (Reference 1) for an extension in the date of expected closure for the 2706-TA Building and 2706-T Yard DWMUs located within the T-Plant Complex.

The 2706-TA Building last received waste on November 20, 2018. Ecology approved a delay in the start of closure for the 2706-TA Building on July 23, 2019 (Reference 2) to September 1, 2020.

The request provided information demonstrating it has been less than one year since the last receipt of dangerous waste at the 2706-T Yard.

As documented in the request, the 2706-TA Building and 2706-T Yard have capacity to receive additional waste and are needed to support future Hanford Site waste management activities. The request also provided information demonstrating the facility has taken, and will continue to take, all steps to prevent threats to human health and the environment, including compliance with all applicable permit requirements.


Ecology grants an extension to September 1, 2021, for beginning closure for the 2706-TA Building and 2706-T Yard DWMUs.

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If you have questions, please contact Kelly Elsethagen, Waste Management Project Manager, at kelly.elsethagen@ecy.wa.gov or (509)372-7923 or Deirdra Hahn, SWOC Project Coordinator, at deirdra.hahn@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 972-0555.

Sincerely,



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References:

1. Letter 20-ESQ-0071, dated June 26, 2020, "Closure Extension Request for T Plant Complex Dangerous Waste Management Units, 2706-TA Building and 2706-T Yard"
2. Letter 19-NWP-118, dated July 23, 2019, "Request to Extend the Date for Beginning Closure for T Plant Dangerous Waste Management Unit (DWMU) 2706-TA Building"

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