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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Request for Delay in Submitting a Revised State Environmental Policy Act Checklist for the Low-Level Burial Grounds (LLBG) Dangerous Waste Permit Application, 03-RCA-0177, dated March 18, 2003

I have reviewed your recommendation to delay your submittal of an updated LLBG Dangerous Waste Permit Application (Part B), Revision 2, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist. I agree with your assessment that workshops addressing the Notice of Deficiencies (NOD) identified for the LLBG permit may affect the contents of the checklist. I am willing to discuss a date by which the updated SEPA checklist must be submitted; however, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has already found the SEPA checklist to be in need of revision. I am, therefore, unwilling to consider submission of the SEPA checklist after July 22, 2003, when the extension for the NOD workshops end. Please provide your proposed meeting date and time for those discussions.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3022 or Mr. Matt Mills at (509) 736-5721.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Jamison
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