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Subject: Proposal for Planned Shutdown of the Pump and Treat Systems for Year 2000 (Y2K)

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Dear Mr. Gerton:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) have reviewed your proposal for temporary shutdown of the groundwater pump and treat projects during the period just prior to January 1, 2000, through the first week or so of the new year. Ecology and EPA agree a shutdown of these systems is a prudent step to protect against power outages which may in turn cause damage to the system equipment, tanks, and piping due to freezing temperatures.

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As stated in your letter of December 1, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) intends to prepare to restart these systems on January 3, ²⁰⁰⁰1999. Should weather conditions extend the shutdown period beyond the duration currently scheduled, Ecology and EPA request verbal notification be made to the appropriate project manager. Ecology and EPA also request DOE notify us when all systems have been returned to service. If you have any questions or clarifications, please feel free to contact Doug Sherwood at 376-9529 or Wayne Soper at 736-3049.

Sincerely,

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