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Mr. Jon Peschong, Deputy Manager
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Dear Mr. Peschong:

Re: TWRS Flammable Gas Programmatic Issues Critical Path

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has been provided schedules for the last three months addressing nine different Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) issues to be resolved before the TWRS Interim Stabilization (IS) and Rotary Mode Core Sampling (RMCS) can recommence. The issues included in these schedules are: Flammable Gas Watchlist, Tank Analysis, Interim Stabilization, TPA Change Request Strategy, DCRT Safety Analysis Schedule, RMCS in Flammable Gas Tanks, SST Exhausters, Flammable Gas Update FSAR, and Flammable Gas JCO. The schedules do not integrate the nine different programmatic issues currently being tracked in a single-project fashion. In order for Ecology to have confidence in the information provided, the schedules should be condensed and linked to form an integrated critical path schedule, which will address the two pertinent issues of resumption of IS and RMCS programs. Although Ecology representatives have informally requested a critical path schedule for approximately three months, to date, one has not been provided. Therefore, it is hereby formally requested a critical path schedule, as described above, be submitted to me by June 15, 1996.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (509) 736-3018.

Sincerely,

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