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CONFIRMATION OF 20-DAY EXTENSION

Reference: Ltr., from Michael Gearheard, EPA, and Michael Wilson, Ecology, to Keith Klein, RL, and S. D. Liedle BHI, "Violations of CERCLA Requirements at 221-U Facility", dtd. November 17, 1999.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations (RL) and Bechtel Hanford Inc. (BHI) received the referenced letter on November 17, 1999. The referenced letter required a written response within ten days of receipt, addressing corrective actions. We are now writing to confirm that you have granted our request for a 20-day extension, to Friday, December 17, 1999, for the development and submittal of the requested action plan.

Cliff Clark of RL and Roger Landon of BHI met with Douglas Sherwood on Friday, November 19, 1999, to request this extension. They noted that a separate Notice of Correction from the State of Washington Department of Ecology was served on November 17, 1999, to both RL and BHI, which stated a 30-day time period from date of receipt to respond. A due date of December 16, 1999, was noted in the letter but we believe that this date is superseded by the 30-day period. The requested extension would allow us to coordinate the two corrective action plans.

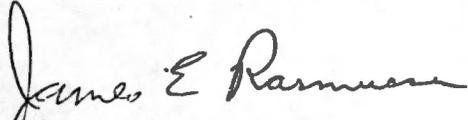
Mr. Sherwood indicated he was amenable to the request and promised to consult with Michael Wilson. On Monday, November 22, 1999, Mr. Sherwood telephoned Mr. Landon to confirm that Mr. Wilson's office had concurred in granting the requested extension. Based on this communication, we have established a schedule and made assignments among our staffs to ensure we fulfill our obligation to provide the requested corrective action plan on Friday, December 17, 1999.

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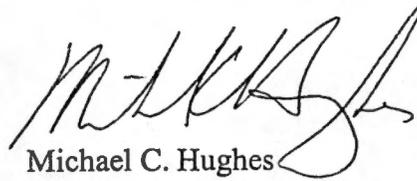
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If you should have any questions, please contact Roger Landon, BHI, at (509) 372-9209 or Cliff Clark, RL, at (509) 376-9333.



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