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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

In reply to your letter requesting a 60-day extension to the due date of August 31, 2003 for the As Low As Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (ALARACT) demonstration concerning non-standard HEPA filters, a 30 day extension is granted making the new due date September 30, 2003. DOE received the request on June 24, 2003 giving what we feel should have been sufficient time (69 days) to meet the August 31, 2003 deadline. All records requested by the department in the June 20, 2003 letter, need to be delivered to the Olympia office by close of business by September 30, 2003. The previous verbal approval to provide a sampling of the requested records is rescinded by this letter.

Your letter has raised a concern about DOE-RL configuration control management system with the statement, "The extension is requested due to the complexities in identifying the non-standard HEPA filters". In order to address those concerns the department is requesting the following as part of the original ALARACT demonstration:

- Documentation of your programs that demonstrate compliance or those programs that are compatible to the ASME NQA-1 basic requirements.
- Documentation, for those non-standard HEPA filters identified, demonstrating compliance to the basic requirements of ASME NQA-1 requirement "Identification and Control of Items".



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The above two items will also be due September 30, 2003 and shall be delivered to the Olympia office by the close of business that day.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (360) 236-3261.

Sincerely,



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