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Mr. Ted Wooley, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Wooley:

REQUEST FOR 30-DAY EXTENSION TO 90-DAY DANGEROUS WASTE STORAGE IN THE WASTE ENCAPSULATION STORAGE FACILITY (WESF) TANK 100

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) is requesting from the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) a 30-day extension to the 90-day storage limit for dangerous waste currently stored in Tank 100 at WESF. The waste stored in this tank was first determined to be a dangerous waste when sample analysis results of the contents indicated the presence of dangerous waste constituents not originally thought to be present. The 90-day clock for removal of this waste to a permitted storage location was started on March 24, 1998, to correspond with the date of receipt of the sample results. The 90-day clock will expire on June 21, 1998. Tank 100 is located in a concrete vault just south of the 225-B Building.

Due to unforeseen, temporary, and uncontrollable circumstances encountered during efforts to safely package this waste and ship it to a permitted storage location, WESF personnel will not be able to ship this waste prior to the expiration of the 90-day clock. Therefore, RL is requesting that Ecology approve a 30-day extension, as allowed under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-200(1)(a), for storage of dangerous waste in Tank 100. The 30-day extension would expire on July 21, 1998.

If you have any questions, please call Ellen Mattlin, of my staff, at (509) 376-2385.

Sincerely,

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