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Mr. James E. Rasmussen  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 183-N Potable Water Plant Operations and Maintenance Matrix and Spill Matrix

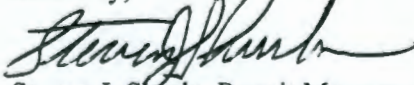
The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the *100N Water Plant Operations Manual*, portions of the *Emergency Management Program* (BHI-SH-03), and other operations and hazardous materials information received from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) on June 13, 1997. This material was submitted as required by Conditions S5.A and S6 of State Waste Discharge Permit ST-4503 for the 100-N Backwash Discharge Pond.

Ecology has determined the operations manual meets the relevant requirements of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-240-150 for operations and maintenance manuals and fulfills part of Condition S5.A of the permit. The portions of the emergency management program submitted (the building emergency plan, response guides for chlorine release, and initial response for declared emergencies) collectively meet the requirements of a spill plan as described in Condition S6 of the permit.

In addition to these submittals, Conditions S5.A and S6 of Permit ST-4503 also requires these plans be reviewed annually. A letter to Ecology to document the annual review and a description of changes to the matrix/documents is due on May 12, 1998. Although not specifically required by the permit, I would suggest the records section of the operations manual be updated to include the requirements of Permit ST-4503.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (509) 736-3011.

Sincerely,

  
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