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Dear Mr. Wilson:

EXTEND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, RICHLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE UPDATE
TO THE 200-UR-1 UNPLANNED RELEASE WASTE SITE GROUP OPERABLE UNIT
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) WORK PLAN

Due to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) request to add the West Lake waste site to the 200-UR-1 work plan, and the unusual characteristics of the West Lake site, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) is requesting an additional 60 days (November 15, 2004) to update the 200-UR-1 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan. This extension was discussed with and agreed to by John Price, of your staff, during a comment resolution meeting. The additional time is needed to develop RI/FS parameters, data quality objectives and a sampling analysis plan for the West Lake site. Without this extension, RL will be unable to provide a thorough, comprehensive work plan that addresses Ecology's comments and provides an opportunity to completely analyze the data and evaluate all potential remedies.

Please indicate your approval of the extension in the signature block below. If there are any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971, or Joel Hebdon, Director, Office of Environmental Services, on (509) 376-6657.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Klein
Manager

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Approved:

Michael A. Wilson, Ecology

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