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Ms. Smith:

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE  
REQUESTED INFORMATION**

- References:
1. Ecology letter from L. Murphy, to B.T. Vance, ORP, "Response to Notice of Incompleteness Determination for the Criteria and Toxics Air Emissions Notice of Construction for the Operation of Portable Exhausters Supporting Single-Shell Tank Waste Retrieval at the 241-A and 241-AX Tank Farms, (TOC-ENV-NOC-5252)," 19-NWP-093, dated June 12, 2019.
  2. ORP letter from B.T. Vance to A.K. Smith, Ecology, "Response to Notice of Incompleteness Determination for the Criteria and Toxics Air Emissions Notice of Construction for the Operation of Portable Exhausters Supporting Single-Shell Tank Waste Retrieval at the 241-A and 241-AX Tank Farms, (TOC-ENV-NOC-5252)," 19-ECD-0038, dated May 14, 2019.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) response of June 12, 2019 (Reference 1), to DOE's letter of May 14, 2019 (Reference 2). DOE requests an extension until August 9, 2019, to allow sufficient time to provide Ecology with an appropriate response.

DOE remains committed to continuing to work with Ecology in order to develop an appropriate permit application for the portable exhausters so that DOE can safely and efficiently retrieve waste from the tanks in the A and AX tank farms.

We look forward to working with Ecology to resolve these issues.

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