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Mr. James E. Rasmussen
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Request for 30-Day Extension for Waste Accumulated for 90 Days or Less

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed and considered your letter dated June 30, 1997, requesting an extension to the 90 day period for which generators may accumulate wastes without a permit. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not made a regulatory determination on the status associated with Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) contamination. This has caused the inability of the 300 Area Radioactive Liquid Waste System (RLWS) to transfer waste until a determination has been determined.

Ecology grants a 30 day extension for the storage of mixed wastes generated by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL) stored in the 325 building's Shielded Analytical Laboratory (SAL) 90 day storage tank located in room 32. Ecology believes the conditions requiring this extension were unforeseen, uncontrollable, and temporary.

Please note that Ecology was not able to respond to your request before the accumulation time period ran out because the request was received on the day the 90 day accumulation time period expired. In the future, Ecology expects such requests to be submitted in advance of necessary actions to allow adequate time for evaluation and to avoid non-compliant conditions.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact me at (509) 736-3025 or Jeanne Wallace the 300 Area Project Manager at (509) 736-3019.

Sincerely,

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