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Ms. Jeanne J. Wallace  
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Dear Ms. Wallace:

3718-F ALKALI METAL TREATMENT AND STORAGE FACILITY CLOSURE

As discussed at the 300 Area Project Managers' Meeting held Thursday, May 1, 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office requests a three month extension to the closure period identified as Condition V.13.B.h., Revision 3 of the Hanford Facility Wide Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit. The condition as stated in the Permit, "The Permittees shall complete the 3718-F Alkali Metal Treatment and Storage Facility closure activities within 180 days after the effective date of this Permit. This schedule may be extended at Ecology's discretion based on the results of sampling conducted at the unit."

Since the effective date of Revision 3 was December 26, 1996, the 180 day completion date based on Condition V.13.B.h, will be June 24, 1997. The extension is requested to complete the Phase I sampling, analysis, data validation, and report.

Should you have any questions or comments, please Ellen Mattlin, of my staff, on (509) 376-2385, or John C. Sonnichsen, Jr. (Jack), RFSH on (509) 376-9956.

Sincerely,

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