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December 16, 2003

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Dear Ms. Dallas:

Re: Letter #2003-LTR-0685: Request for Continued Storage of Kaiser-Hill Company, LLC (Rocky-Flats) Treated Waste and a Variance from Permit Condition II.F.5.f, Which Requires the Treatment of Waste and Shipment Off-Site, if Necessary, within 365 Days of Receipt or Generation

This letter is in response to Pacific EcoSolutions (PEcoS) above referenced letter to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) dated December 3, 2003. PEcoS's letter requests an extension of the 365 day deadline, Permit Condition II.F.5.f, for the storage of treated Kaiser-Hill (Rocky-Flats) waste. Permit condition II.F.5.f requires treatment and shipment off-site for final disposal within 365 days of receipt. The Kaiser-Hill waste has surpassed the storage time limit. PEcoS requests continued storage at the PEcoS facility rather than shipment back to the generator. Kaiser-Hill expects to dispose of the waste at Hanford but disposal has been held up pending approval of the Hanford Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement. The waste consists of 1526 cubic feet of macroencapsulated waste contained in 109 over pack containers with a gross weight of 191,640 pounds. Receipt numbers for the waste include MWR02-015, -028, -029, -030, -032, and -033. PEcoS has requested that Ecology grant an extension until April 30, 2004. Ecology has reviewed this extension request and hereby grants an extension of the due date, in concurrence with Permit Condition II.F.5.f, until April 30, 2004, for the aforementioned waste.

Approval of this extension request shall not be construed as approval by Ecology for disposal of the subject waste at Hanford, nor as any admission nor representation as to the adequacy of the Hanford Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement.

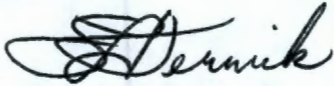


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If you have questions, please contact me at (509) 736-5703 or sder461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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