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November 4, 1999

Mr. Steven H. Wisness, Director
Office of Site Services
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) approves your request dated November 3, 1999, for the thirty (30) day deferral of the annual leak test requirement for direct buried transfer lines in the 241-S and 241-SX Tank Farms. Since these systems are operated under interim status, the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-400(3),(a) invokes 40 CFR Subpart J – Tank Systems. The applicable section for annual leak testing of transfer lines in Subpart J is 265.193, containment and detection of releases. The particular reference for annual leak testing is cited in section 265.193(i),(2).

This deferral is effective for the period November 4, 1999, to December 3, 1999.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (509) 736-3022.

Sincerely,

Casey Ruud
Nuclear Waste Program

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