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Brian T. Vance, Manager  
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Re: Request to Extend the Date for Beginning Closure for T Plant Complex (T Plant) Facility Dangerous Waste Management Unit (DWMU)

Reference: Letter 20-ESQ-0021, dated January 18, 2021, "Closure Extension Request for the 2706-T Asphalt Dangerous Waste Management Unit"

Dear Brian T. Vance:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received and reviewed the request from the United States Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office (Reference) for an extension in the date of expected closure for the 2706-T Asphalt Pad DWMU.

The enclosure to the above referenced letter demonstrates that it has been more than one year since the last receipt of dangerous waste at the DWMU. The request also states the unit has the capacity to receive additional waste, and is needed to support future Hanford Site waste management activities. The request provides information demonstrating the facility has taken, and will continue to take, all steps to prevent threats to human health and the environment, including compliance with all applicable permit requirements.

**Ecology grants an extension to February 1, 2020, for beginning closure for the 2706-T Asphalt Pad DWMU.**

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Elsethagen, Waste Management Project Manager, at (509) 372-7923 or [kelly.elsethagen@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kelly.elsethagen@ecy.wa.gov) or Morgan Baker, Acting Solid Waste Operations Complex Project Lead, at (509) 372-7956 or [morgan.baker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:morgan.baker@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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