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Mr. Steve Wisness
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P. O. Box 550
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Re: Technical Program Plan - Project W-049H Disposal Facility

Dear Mr. Wisness:

Ecology has reviewed the Technical Program Plan - Site Screening, Evaluation, and Selection. We find this document acceptable for the elimination of clearly inappropriate areas for liquids disposal. Final candidate site selection will receive additional regulatory scrutiny.

Prior to final site selection, geotechnical data needs and modeling parameters shall support and be consistent with the risk assessment methodology currently being developed. Infiltration rates selected shall be consistent with the data provided in the 240 engineering report for this project. A 30-year design life may be adequate for planning purposes, however, an alternative operating life may be specified through the 216 permit process. The lack of negative effects on RCRA, CERCLA or other effluent disposal sites; cultural resources; and threatened and/or endangered species must be thoroughly documented in detail prior to final site selection. Please submit for approval the final plan prior to final site selection.

If you have any questions, comments or both please do not hesitate to telephone me at (206) 459-6725.

Sincerely,

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