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Mr. James E. Rasmussen  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Your *Reapplication for State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4500 from the 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) to the State Approved Land Disposal Site (00-OSS-088)* was received by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on December 30, 1999. The Permit Reapplication was reviewed for completeness and was determined to be sufficient for Ecology to begin preparing a Draft Permit in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 173-216. The public notice of application will be made in the *Tri-City Herald* on January 18 and 25, 2000.

Ecology is acting on the new Permit and expects to issue it prior to the June 30, 2000, expiration date of the current Permit. The current Permit will remain in effect until the new Permit is issued.

As the permitting process continues, I will notify you of any additional data needs. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Waste Program

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Administrative Records: State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4500