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Dear Mr. Ceto:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR SUBMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE 200-CW-5 (U POND/Z DITCHES COOLING WATER WASTE GROUP), 200-CW-2 (S POND AND DITCHES COOLING WATER WASTE GROUP), 200-CW-4 (T POND AND DITCHES COOLING WATER WASTE GROUP), AND 200-SC-1 (STEAM CONDENSATE WASTE GROUP) OPERABLE UNITS, DRAFT A, DOE/RL-2004-24

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The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) acknowledges receipt of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) letter dated March 10, 2005, which transmitted your comments on Draft A of the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for the 200-CW-5 (U Pond/Z Ditches Cooling Water Waste Group), 200-CW-2 (S Pond and Ditches Cooling Water Waste Group), 200-CW-4 (T Pond and Ditches Cooling Water Waste Group), and 200-SC-1 (Steam Condensate Waste Group) Operable Units, as well as additional comments from both the U.S. Geological Service and the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

RL requests a 30-day extension from April 14, 2005, to May 14, 2005, to provide responses to the comments submitted on the Draft A version of the subject documents. This extension will allow for discussion with the Inter-Agency Management Integration Team Executive Committee relative to the proposed remedies for the Z-ditches which may influence the RL response to the comments. This request was discussed with Craig Cameron, of your staff, on April 5, 2005, and he had no objections. Please advise RL as soon as possible if there are any concerns with this request.

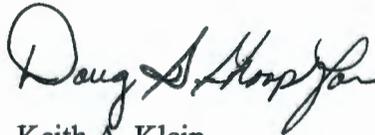
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If you have questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,



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