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Mr. Steven H. Wisness
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed a Draft Permit and Fact Sheet based on your *Reapplication for State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4502 for the 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility (99-EAP-462)*. Please review the enclosed Draft Permit and Fact Sheet. Factual comments that the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) would like to have considered by Ecology, prior to the formal public comment period, need to be submitted to Ecology by January 26, 2000. The Permit issuance process will not be delayed if USDOE misses this date.

A thirty (30) day public comment period for this Draft Permit and Fact Sheet is expected to begin around January 31, 2000. At that time, the public notice will appear in the *Tri-City Herald* and in a mailing to parties of record. The proposed Permit Conditions in the Draft Permit could be changed during the public review process.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding these documents, or the Permit issuance process, please contact me at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosure

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