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Dear Mr. Wilson:

SUBMITTAL OF PERMIT DESIGN PACKAGES LAW-002, LAW-003, AND PTF-004

- References:
1. Ecology letter from M. A. Wilson to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Request for Temporary Authorization to Start Construction of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (USDOE-ORP, 02-ED-020)," dated December 18, 2002.
 2. ORP letter from J. E. Rasmussen to M. A. Wilson, Ecology, "Request for Temporary Authorization for Construction Activities at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP)," 02-ED-020, dated December 10, 2002.

This letter submits revisions to permit design packages Low-Activity Waste (LAW) LAW-002, "Tank System Tank for LAW Facility El. -21 ft (RLD System)," and LAW-003, "Tank Ancillary Equipment for the LAW Facility El. -21 ft (RLD System)," for the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) approval. In addition, this letter also submits permit design package PTF-004, "Tank System Ancillary Equipment for PT Facility Below Grade PWD System," for Ecology's approval.

A brief summary of the changes to permit design packages LAW-002 and LAW-003, as well as a description of permit design package PTF-004, is provided in Attachment 1. The permit design packages are provided in Attachment 2. Certification statements are provided in Attachment 3. These packages were reviewed in advance of this letter with Ecology staff.

Due to the potential sensitivity of the attached engineering information, Ecology is requested to place the data for public review in the standard information repositories, but not provide electronic dissemination of the information.

In Reference 1, Ecology stated that it would reconsider issuing a temporary authorization once revised information was received. Therefore, I am requesting Ecology reconsider my previous request (Reference 2) for temporary authorization on permit design packages LAW-002 and

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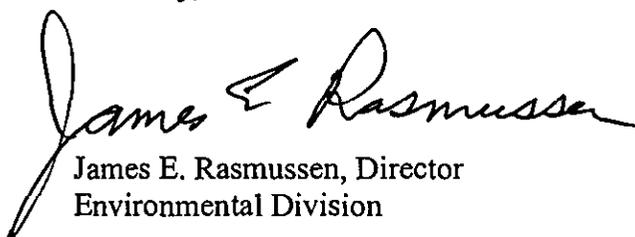
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LAW-003 for 180 days to start construction on the related portions of the WTP in advance of receiving the final permit decision. Ecology approval of a temporary authorization to proceed with construction activities is necessary to support continued construction on the WTP.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori A. Huffman, Environmental Division,
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Sincerely,



James E. Rasmussen, Director
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