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Mr. Steven H. Wisness, Director
Office of Site Services
U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
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Dear Mr. Wisness:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) acknowledges previous discussions with the cognizant U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) staff and contractors regarding an extension for submittal of the closure plan for the 221-T Tank System in the T Plant Canyon. As verbally agreed in our meeting of October 7, 1999, the draft closure plan shall be submitted to Ecology no later than December 30, 1999. (Most State offices, including Ecology, will be closed on December 31, 1999.)

Please note that, at this time, Ecology has not agreed to a schedule for this closure. However, Ecology is aware that the waste composition, specifically the high concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), has complicated the removal of waste from the tank system.

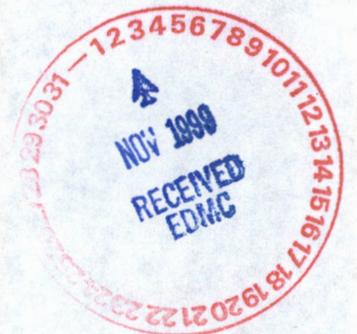
If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3019.

Sincerely,

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