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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 219-S Part B Permit Application Working Draft Schedule and Draft
Chapters 5, 9, 10, and 13.

This is in response to your letter (99-EAP-137), dated February 2, 1999. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the revised 219-S Part B Permit Application Working Draft Schedule and Draft Chapters 5, 9, 10, and 13, on February 5, 1999, attached to the referenced letter.

Since I will be the permit writer responsible for the 219-S unit permit, it would be beneficial to include me on any future e-mail and formal transmittals regarding this unit. Expeditious delivery of draft chapters, in electronic and paper form, will assist Ecology in meeting the Work Draft Schedule expectations.

The 219-S Part B Permit Application Review Working Draft Schedule appears to be a reasonable path forward for completion of the work. However, depending upon the complexity of Chapters 7 and 11, the requested thirty (30) day review may not be feasible, please allow forty-five (45) days for review of these chapters. In addition, on the next revision of this schedule please modify the Ecology Review finish date for Chapter 3 to 4/18/99, to correspond with the revised delivery date.

I look forward to working with your staff on the completion of this permitting effort.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3003.

Sincerely,

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