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Re: Request to Forego a Third Retrieval Technology for Tank AX-101

Reference: See page 2

Dear Ricky Bang:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is extending our review period for the *Practicability Evaluation Request to Forego a Third Retrieval Technology for Tank 241-AX-101*, RPP-RPT-65531, Revision 1, transmitted in letter 25-TWO-0058 (Reference).

Ecology is working on comments for RPP-RPT-65531, Rev. 1. Ecology is determined to examine the analyses and retrieval suggestions as accurately and fairly as possible. In order to reach such a determination for AX-101, we will be extending our review through July 22, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Pierce, Permit Lead, at (509) 410-5273 or [eric.pierce@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:eric.pierce@ecy.wa.gov) or Luissa Johnston, SST Coordinator, at (509) 975-1285 or [luissa.johnston@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:luissa.johnston@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Reference: Letter 25-TWO-0058, dated April 28, 2025, "The U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office Requests that the Washington State Department of Ecology Agree to Forego Implementing a Third Retrieval Technology in Tank 241-AX-101"

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