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Attn Of: OWW-130

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Re: EPA Review of Draft NPDES Permits for the City of Spokane Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility #WA-002447-3, the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District #WA-004514-4, Inland Empire Paper Company #WA-000082-5, and Kaiser Aluminum Fabricated Products LLC #WA-000089-2.

Dear Ms. Darrel:

Thank you for your response to our request for an extension of EPA's review period for the draft NPDES permits referenced above. I thought it would be useful to write this letter in order to clarify EPA's request.

Our request was based on the 1989 Final NPDES Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Washington Department of Ecology and the EPA. Paragraph III C2 of the MOA states that the time for EPA to comment upon, object to, or make recommendations with respect to a draft permit will be extended to 90 days from date of the draft permits upon request of EPA. Ninety days from the date of the draft permits (September 5, 2007) will be December 4, 2007.

As per the MOA, we are requesting an extension as to EPA's review period, to object or comment as outlined above. It is the State's decision as to whether to formally extend the public comment period, and we are not requesting that it be extended.

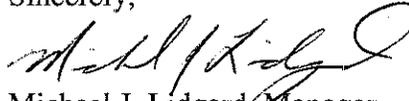
Although we had hoped to finish our review more quickly, by November 13, it now appears we will not meet that date. Therefore we reiterate our request to extend our review period to 90 days. We appreciate your staff coordination with us to address our concerns on the permits, and we will submit the results of our review as soon as possible.

Your letter stated that your goal is to submit the final permits to EPA before the end of the year. If this is due to the fact that these permits were specified as EPA priority permits for 2007, we want to clarify that you do not need to submit the final permits to us before the end of the year to meet the 2007 goals. The Spokane River permits were

deemed priorities for 2007; however, prior to September 30, 2007 (the end of federal FY07) Ecology issued three permits specified as priorities for 2008. Those permits were "bumped up" to fulfill missing 2007 priorities.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the successful issuance of the final permits. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lisa Olson at (206) 553-0176.

Sincerely,



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