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Reply To
Attn Of: OWW-130

Mr. James Bellatty
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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 Mr. Bellatty:

Thank you for sending EPA the draft NPDES permits referenced above. The purpose of this letter is to request a 90-day extension from the date of the draft permits (September 5, 2007) for EPA to comment upon, object to, or make recommendations with respect to the draft permits.

This request is in accordance with 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.

EPA requests this additional time for its review, due to the complexity of the draft permits and the need for careful review, to ensure that our preliminary concerns have been addressed. Although we have requested a 90 day extension, we will make every effort to provide comments sooner, if possible, by the close of the public comment period.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lisa Olson at (206) 553-0176.

Sincerely,

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