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Re: Publication of AOP.2026.1D Draft of Hanford Site Air Operating (AOP) Permit Number 00-05-006, Renewal 4

Reference: See page 2

Dear Raymond M. Geimer:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is starting the public involvement process for the AOP.2026.1D draft of the Hanford Site AOP. This draft addresses the Renewal 4 application submitted with Letter 23-ECD-0094 (Reference) dated November 9, 2023. This is the second draft of Renewal 4 which has been opened for public comment. A Response to Comments will be provided with the supporting materials to address all comments submitted on the previous AOP.2025.1D draft. We will carry out the process in compliance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-401-800.

The draft will be available for public comment from October 5 through November 4, 2026, on the Ecology website at https://ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/nuclear-waste/public-involvement. The files will be removed from the Ecology website following the closure of the public comment period.

No public hearing has been scheduled as part of the process. If a public hearing is scheduled, a separate notification will be issued. Ecology will consider and respond to comments received during the public comment period. Once resolved, Ecology will then submit the proposed final draft to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a 45-day review. Following EPA review, Ecology will issue the final action on the permit.

During the public comment period and until Ecology issues a revised permit, AOP Number 00-05-006, Renewal 3, will remain in effect.

If you have any questions regarding the public comment period, please contact Daina McFadden at daina.mcfadden@ecy.wa.gov or 509-372-7950 or Matt Williams at matt.williams@ecy.wa.gov or 509-380-1314.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Hyperlink above: https://ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/nuclear-waste/public-involvement

Reference: Letter 23-ECD-0094, dated November 9, 2023, "Hanford Site Air Operating Permit Renewal 4 Application, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office-2023-34"

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