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November 13, 2023

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## Re: Ecology's Conditional Approval to Extend Agreed Order negotiations at the following Hazardous Waste Site:

- Site Name: Spokane International Airport PFAS
- Site Address: 9000 W Airport Dr, Spokane, WA 99204
- Cleanup Site ID: 16774
- Facility/Site ID: 6332493

Dear Brian Werst:

On October 9, 2023, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) officially invited the Spokane International Airport (SIA) Airport Board/City of Spokane/Spokane County to begin negotiations for an Agreed Order (AO) to complete a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the Spokane International Airport PFAS Site. The 60-day negotiation period began on October 11, 2023, and Ecology requested that SIA provide any necessary comments by November 8, 2023.

On November 1, 2023, Ecology met with you and other representatives of SIA to discuss the AO negotiations and cleanup process. We appreciated the dialogue and understand SIA is currently working to provide proposed draft AO revisions and to procure appropriate consultants to assist with the project.

On November 9, 2023, Ecology received your letter requesting a 60-day extension to the AO negotiation period and your initial proposed revisions on the draft AO. In accordance with WAC 173-340-530, negotiations for an Agreed Order and related documents must be completed within sixty days, unless further negotiation is deemed by Ecology to be in the public interest. Ecology approves your request on the condition that we receive any additional written comments on the draft AO and related documents by December 4, 2023. If SIA's comments on

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the draft documents are not received by that date, Ecology will conclude negotiations by December 11.

While a 60-day extension would potentially extend the negotiation period to February 8, 2023, it is Ecology's goal to finalize AO negotiations well before this date and further extensions to this negotiation period are not anticipated. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 509-724-1164 or at jeremy.schmidt@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jen Echan

Jeremy Schmidt, P.E. Site Manager Toxics Cleanup Program

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