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SPOKANE COUNTY

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Jeremy Schmidt, PE, Site Manager, Toxics Cleanup Program
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RE: Request for Extension pursuant to Agreed Order DE 24355

Transmitted via email

Dear Jeremy and Ivy:

Pursuant to Section 8.10 of the above-referenced Agreed Order, we write to respectfully request an extension of 30 days past the current deadline for submitting the draft Short-Term Interim Action Workplan (“STIAWP”) that is due on February 24, 2026 (i.e., an extension to March 26, 2026).

There is good cause for this extension, and the reasons for the extension include the following:

1. The County and City want to submit to Ecology as complete a draft as possible. In addition to County and City staff participation doing so will require engaging a consultant with the proper credentials, expertise, and experience in designing and administering an alternative drinking water program to support the municipalities. That consultant assistance is likely needed not only for drafting the STIAWP itself, but also in suggesting what subcontractors may be appropriate, how to address outreach and the elements of a testing program, and generally to advise on how to design a successful short-term alternative drinking water program. This may need to occur through a competitive RFP process, and the County and City will need to procure funds from their respective extremely limited budgets to pay for consultant assistance in drafting the STIAWP.
2. Ecology’s scope of work and schedule for the emergency interim action directs the County, City, and Airport to present Ecology with a single work plan. The County and City will therefore need to coordinate amongst ourselves and the Airport to be able to submit to Ecology a single draft workplan. Additional time will allow for meaningful coordination and alignment among the parties, which will facilitate more efficient review by Ecology.
3. We understand Ecology has a great deal of information that it is willing to share about the homes where testing has already occurred, where alternative drinking water has already been provided, and other helpful details that will assist in drafting the STIAWP. [Ecology provided some of this information to the County, City, and Airport late on February 12, 2026. We need time to digest and incorporate that information into the draft plan.

4. During this extension, the parties will schedule meetings with Ecology about the technical basis for the interim action, including the background information and data from Ecology described in bullet number three above. These discussions will help ensure that the submitted STIAWP is responsive to Ecology's expectations and supported by a clear technical foundation. In keeping with the current February 24, 2026 deadline for the draft STIAWP, the parties will work with Ecology to schedule a meeting on or before February 24, 2026, at which time the County and City can discuss with Ecology a draft, conceptual outline for the STIAWP.

Granting this extension will allow the parties to submit a more complete and implementable plan, which in turn will promote efficient agency review and, ultimately, execution of emergency short-term interim measures. Importantly, no immediate health-protective measures are being delayed by this request. The municipalities remain committed to working collaboratively with Ecology to address potential drinking water concerns in a protective and timely manner.

There are no related deadlines or schedules that would be affected if the extension is granted.

Thank you for your consideration.



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