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**Re: Response to Request for Extension for Short-term Interim Action Work Plan (STIAWP)  
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 Lisa Corcoran, Marlene Feist, and Ben Brattebo:

On February 17, 2026, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a letter from the City of Spokane (City) and Spokane County (County) requesting an extension for submitting the draft short-term interim action work plan (STIAWP) and another letter from the Spokane International Airport (SIA) Board on February 18, 2026. Both letters requested an additional 30-day period beyond the 14-day period allotted in the emergency interim action scope of work and schedule.

Interim actions are required when it is necessary to reduce a threat to human health or the environment by eliminating or substantially reducing one or more pathways for exposure to a hazardous substance. Ecology has determined contamination originating from SIA property has migrated downgradient and impacted off-property commercial and residential drinking water at levels exceeding safe standards. While the extension of the STIAWP does not impact the deadline for the long-term interim action work plan (LTIAWP), any extension must seek to avoid a delay in providing access to clean drinking water in the affected area, as we seek to avoid a

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delay in immediate health-protective measures. We estimate at least 100 wells in the interim action area have not been tested based on records we have shared with you.

Ecology is amenable to adjusting expectations for the STIAWP, as we recognize some concerns could be addressed with additional time. During our upcoming meeting on February 24, Ecology requests you detail work completed on the STIAWP thus far and identify any immediate assistance we can provide. After which, Ecology will provide an appropriate extension request, not to exceed 30 days for the City and County's Agreed Order and complete a minor amendment to SIA's Enforcement Order with definitive dates to maintain compliance.

Concerns were raised within SIA's letter regarding their ability to comply with Ecology's requirements in the STIAWP. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provided clarity regarding this issue in their March 29, 2024 letter to SIA. FAA requirements should not prevent SIA from complying with applicable environmental laws, which include complying with the STIAWP.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirement to implement emergency interim actions, please contact me at 509-724-1164 or at [jeremy.schmidt@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jeremy.schmidt@ecy.wa.gov).


Sincerely,



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Site Manager

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