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Mr. F. Rufner  
Columbia Aluminum Corporation  
85 John Day Dam Road  
Goldendale, Washington 98620-9302

Dear Mr. Rufner:

The Department of Ecology has now assessed a hazard ranking for the smelter area, as required by the Model Toxics Control Act. This is an estimation of the potential threat of this site to human health and the environment, relative to other Washington State sites scored at this time. A ranking of 3 (with 1 being highest risk and 5 being lowest risk) has been calculated for this site.

For your information, Ecology will be publishing the ranking of this and other sites in the September 4, 1990 Site Register. The rankings will be used in conjunction with other considerations in determining Ecology's priority for future action at the site. It is not anticipated that this ranking will affect the RCRA closure actions at the plant.

A fact sheet on the ranking method is enclosed for your information.

For further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul Skillingstad  
Industrial Section

Enclosure.