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August 17, 2016

Dr. Lisa Manning Lake Coeur d'Alene Waterkeeper Kootenai Environmental Alliance PO Box 1598 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816

RE: Request for Extension of the Comment Period for Draft NPDES Permits: Kaiser Aluminum-No.WA0000892, City of Spokane-No.WA0024473, Liberty Lake-No.WA0045144

Dear Dr. Manning:

Thank you for your interest in the Spokane River Permits. I appreciate your support of Ecology's community based toxics management strategy for achieving water quality criteria in the Spokane River. As Waterkeeper of Lake Coeur d'Alene, the headwaters of the Spokane River, your participation in the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force provides opportunity for the group to take a holistic approach to toxics in the watershed.

As we discussed at the Toxics Task Force Meeting on August 10, 2016, Ecology will extend the Public Comment Period by 15 days to September 13, 2016, for Kaiser, City of Spokane, and Liberty Lake NPDES permits. Ecology permit writers will meet with interested stakeholders to discuss development process for the permits. An Ecology permit writer will contact you to arrange for a meeting to discuss the permits by August 26, 2016.

If you have any question or comments, I am available at (509) 329-3504. Thank you again for your ongoing participation and support of Ecology's strategy to address toxics in the Spokane River.

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Sincerely,

Diana Washington, PE Permit Unit Supervisor

cc Jim Bellatty, Ecology Ellie Key, Ecology Pat Hallinan, Ecology File