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August 17, 2016

Mr. Jerry White Jr.
Spokane Riverkeeper
35 W. Main, Suite 300
Spokane, WA 99201

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 Mr. White:

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 the Spokane Riverkeeper, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diana Washington", is written over a horizontal line.

Diana Washington, PE
Permit Unit Supervisor

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