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Hi Irina,

We appreciate your consideration for extending the PFAS Chemical Action Plan comment period. I would like to kindly request a comment period extension for all King County PFAS Chemical Action Plan comments until January 30, 2021. Public Health Seattle & King County has been heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and staff resources have been reallocated to address COVID-19 emergency response. Many staff normally focused on PFAS are now dedicated to time sensitive projects resourced with coronavirus relief funds (CARES Act funding) that expire by December 31, 2020. In addition, the holidays in late November, late December, and early January accompanied by staff that are utilizing leave that cannot be carried over into next year, mean that some staff that normally could assist will not be available. Therefore, it would greatly appreciated if we could extend the comment period until January 30 so that our staff and leadership can focus on the PFAS CAP comments without the mentioned competing priorities. This is an important topic for King County and we would like to be able to devote the amount of time needed to properly comment on this comprehensive document.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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