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**From:** Steve W. Johnson [SWJOHNSON@wilburellis.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 11:28 AM  
**To:** Boston, Bob (UTC)  
**Subject:** RE: Wilbur Ellis Waiver  
**Attachments:** DSCN0178.JPG; DSCN0177.JPG; DSCN0179.JPG

Please see attached.

Once Western Feed Supplements was sold to Wilbur Ellis, and the transition was made to a new management structure, the decision was made to abandon the plans for the new loadout facility. Our core business migrated away from commodity based blends to smaller, more specialized blended products, and the need for railcar quantities of ingredients was greatly reduced. Currently, we unload a maximum of 3 railcars/ month, and I do not see that changing anytime in the near future. At this point, any changes/ improvements, other than necessary maintenance and upkeep, on the receiving facility pictured, would be cost preventative, and an extreme burden on our business.

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**From:** Boston, Bob (UTC) [mailto:bboston@utc.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 1:25 PM  
**To:** Steve W. Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Wilbur Ellis Waiver

Hi Steve,

I talked with Kathy Hunter about the waiver petition. The original petition was filed because of a proposed three tank loadout structure. Could you send an e-mail to me regarding some history of why the new structure was not built and why it would be prohibitive to relocate the tracks with the current configuration? Please refer to Docket TR-050780 as the original petition is still open per previous request from Wilbur-Ellis. Also, could you attach a photograph of the current structure with the new "No Clearance" signs from BNSF I dropped off last week. This information will be helpful to the petition process.

I will contact the BNSF Roadmaster in Yakima to obtain railroad approval for the petition request.

Thanks,  
Bob

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**From:** Steve W. Johnson [mailto:SWJOHNSON@wilburellis.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 2:19 PM  
**To:** Boston, Bob (UTC)  
**Subject:** Wilbur Ellis Waiver

See attached copy of letter sent to Kathy Hunter, WUTC

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