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Mr. Russell Jim, Project Manager  
Environmental Restoration/  
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2808 Main Street  
Union Gap, Washington 98903

Dear Mr. Jim:

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) WORK PLAN 200-WA-1  
AND 200-BC-1 OPERABLE UNITS, DOE/RL-2010-49, DRAFT B

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) is in receipt of your letter dated August 1, 2016, and the attached comments on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan 200-WA-1 and 200-BC-1 Operable Units, DOE/RL-2010-49, Draft B.

Recently, I had a visit with the Yakama Nation Tribal Council, along with representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology, to discuss communications relating to Records of Decision, among other things. It is the goal of each of these agencies to work with the Yakama Nation to understand your concerns and issues as RL and the regulatory agencies come to final Records of Decision for the cleanup of the Hanford Site. As such, RL will continue to consider your concerns and issues.

With regard to the work plan comments referenced above, we considered them as part of document completion; however, we will not be providing a written response to each comment. These work plans are not part of a required comment period, but are provided early to the Yakama Nation Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program for information.

Please note that your program received the draft Work Plan on September 17, 2015, at the same time it was transmitted to EPA. The Tri-Party Agreement provides EPA with a 60-day comment period, which concluded on November 23, 2015. That would have been the optimal time to understand your concerns with the work plan as well.

RL is committed to communicating and consulting with the Yakama Nation for the coordination of timely input on work plans and subsequent dialogue relating to Yakama Nation's concerns. We want to keep the lines of communication open.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Ray Corey, Assistant Manager for the River and Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug S. Shoop". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doug" and last name "Shoop" clearly legible.

Doug S. Shoop  
Manager

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