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Dear Ms. Smith:

**GROUNDWATER SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN FOR THE 200-BP-5
GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT, DOE/RL-2014-33, DRAFT A COMMENTS**

This letter responds to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter 16-NWP-063, dated April 5, 2016, providing additional comments on the Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit, DOE/RL-2014-33, Draft A.

After reviewing these comments and discussing them with Ecology's staff, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) recommends delaying dispositioning comments and Sampling and Analysis Plan revision, pending Ecology's review of the Remedial Investigation Report for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit, DOE/RL 2009-127, Draft A transmitted by letter 15-AMRP-0282, dated August 11, 2015. The report will provide relevant information to assist in resolving Ecology's concerns regarding contaminants of potential concern. This is consistent with RL's recommendation for the Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan for the 200-PO-1 Groundwater Operable Unit, DOE/RL-2014-31, Draft A in letter 15-AMRP-0265, dated July 29, 2015.

It is RL's understanding that Ecology is currently reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit, DOE/RL 2009-127, Draft A. Resolution of Ecology's comments regarding contaminants of potential concern may be resolved with the risk assessment provided in the report.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact, Mike Cline, of my staff, on (509) 376-6070.

Sincerely,



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