



**Department of Energy**  
Richland Operations Office  
P.O. Box 550  
Richland, Washington 99352

10-AMCP-0086

**FEB 12 2010**

Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager  
Nuclear Waste Program  
State of Washington  
Department of Ecology  
3100 Port of Benton  
Richland, Washington 99354

Dear Ms. Hedges:

INTEGRATED 100 AREA REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY WORK PLAN, ADDENDUM 5: 100-N DECISION UNIT, DOE/RL-2008-46-ADD5, DRAFT A, AND SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN FOR THE 100-N DECISION UNIT REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY, DOE/RL-2009-42, DRAFT A

This letter responds to the State of Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) January 29, 2010, comments on the Integrated 100 Area Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan, Addendum 5: 100-N Decision Unit, DOE/RL-2008-46-ADD5, Draft A, and Sampling and Analysis Plan for the 100-N Decision Unit Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, DOE/RL-2009-42, Draft A. The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) appreciates Ecology's timely comments on the work plan.

In the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Section 9.2.1, the comment period ends sixty days from delivery of the work plan, which is Monday, February 22, 2010. RL requests that if a time extension for submitting comments is requested by Ecology, it be accompanied by a Tri-Party Agreement change request delaying Target Date M-015-62-T01 accordingly on a day-for-day schedule slip.

Recently, the Tri-Party Agencies met and agreed to work collaboratively to improve the quality of cleanup decision documents. Consistent with the approach proposed during the meeting, RL agrees to meet on February 17 and 18, 2010, to begin to work through Ecology's concerns. While RL does not agree with Ecology's assertion that the work plan does not consider the "program goal, program management principles, and expectations," contained in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 300.430, we believe the five issues identified can be collaboratively resolved and the work plan can be updated and delivered within 60 days.

FEB 12 2010

To facilitate resolution of these issues, RL has scheduled a workshop on February 17, 2010, to provide information pertinent to the resolution of the issues and the development of the feasibility study/proposed plan that is due December 2011. Information provided during the workshop will be useful to the tribes and stakeholders, thus we propose an open workshop. A closed meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010, to resolve any outstanding concerns. RL is confident that the issues can be resolved and the work plan revised in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 373-6137, or Joe Franco, Assistant Manager for the River Corridor, on (509) 376-6628.

Sincerely,



Matthew S. McCormick, Assistant Manager  
for the Central Plateau

AMCP:KMT

cc: D. G. Black, CHPRC  
G. Bohnee, NPT  
J. V. Borghese, CHPRC  
A. Boyd, Ecology  
L. Buck, Wanapum  
L. Buelow, EPA  
D. A. Faulk, EPA  
S. Harris, CTUIR  
R. Jim, YN  
S. L. Leckband, HAB  
N. M. Menard, Ecology  
K. Niles, ODOE  
R. E. Piippo, MSA  
J. B. Price, Ecology  
J. G. Vance, FFS  
Administrative Record  
Environmental Portal