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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL 90 DAY EXTENSION FOR COMMENT RESPONSE AND PLAN FOR DOCUMENT UPDATE: REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, AND 100-HR-3 OPERABLE UNITS, DOE/RL-2010-95, DRAFT A AND PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIATION OF THE 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, AND 100-HR-3 OPERABLE UNITS, DOE/RL-2011-111, DRAFT A

On March 12, 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) received State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) comments on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, and 100-HR-3 Operable Units, DOE/RL-2010-95, Draft A and Proposed Plan for Remediation of 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, and 100-HR-3 Operable Units, DOE/RL-2011-111, Draft A.

On April 10, 2013, in accordance with Section 9.2.1 of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), 89-10, Revision 8, RL requested a 90-day extension to July 11, 2013, to the Tri-Party Agreement requirement to either update the documents within 45 days of receipt of the comments, or prepare responses to Ecology's comments and provide a plan for document update within 30 days (letter 13-AMRP-0153).

During this 90-day period, RL and contractor personnel have been working closely with Ecology staff on resolution of the comments. To date, RL has provided proposed responses to approximately 60 percent of the more than 600 comments on the RI/FS document. RL and Ecology have reached agreement on resolution of approximately 40 percent of the comments. Due to the complicated nature of the RI/FS document and related comments, there are still a number of outstanding issues that require further discussion with Ecology staff and management. RL has provided Ecology staff with supporting documents for review at their request to facilitate resolution of issues related to fate and transport of contaminants in the vadose zone. Ecology's review of the supporting documents is resulting in additional comments that must be resolved as part of the overall effort.

Accordingly, RL is requesting an additional 90-day extension to October 9, 2013, to prepare responses to Ecology's comments and provide a plan for document update. RL continues to meet with Ecology staff weekly to work through draft proposed responses. This extension request has been discussed with Nina Menard of your staff. Please advise RL as soon as possible if there are any concerns with this request for extension.

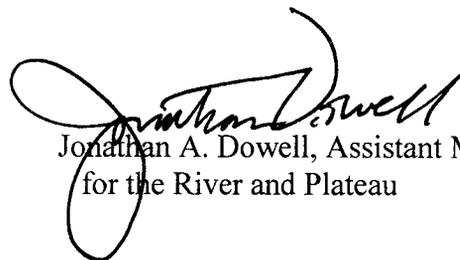
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 376-6137.

Sincerely,



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