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Mr. Silas Whitman, Chairman
Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee
P.O. Box 305
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Dear Mr. Whitman:

PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIATION OF THE 100-FR-1, 100-FR-2, 100-FR-3, 100-IU-2 AND 100-IU-6 OPERABLE UNITS, DOE/RL-2012-41, DRAFT A

This letter is in response to your March 28, 2013, comments on the Proposed Plan for Remediation of the 100-FR-1, 100-FR-2, 100-FR-3, 100-IU-2 and 100-IU-6 Operable Units, DOE/RL-2012-41, Draft A. The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office is currently in the process of addressing comments received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 4, 2013. As we work with EPA to resolve their comments, the agencies will be considering your comments and concerns. We hope to have all comments resolved and be able to issue revised documents for public comment by late Fall 2013.

While recognizing that the Nez Perce Tribe has other concerns with the current draft documents, we appreciate the specific indication of support for the proposed preferred alternative of source remediation through removal, treatment and disposal with monitored natural attenuation and institutional controls for residual groundwater contamination.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact, Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 373-6137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan A. Dowell" with a stylized flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, the initials "FDR" are written in a smaller, simpler hand.

Jonathan A. Dowell, Assistant Manager
for the River and Plateau

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