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

REQUEST FOR 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

This letter is in response to the State of Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) March 12, 2013, comments regarding the 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 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, and 100-HR-3 Operable Units, DOE/RL-2011-111, Draft A.

In accordance with Section 9.2 of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), 89-10, Revision 8, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) is required to either update the documents and prepare a response letter 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. Due to the complicated nature of the documents and related comments, RL has chosen the latter option. In addition, due to the effects of sequestration, in accordance with Section 9.2.1 of the Tri-Party Agreement, RL is requesting a 90-day extension from April 12, 2013, to July 11, 2013, to provide Ecology with this information.

RL continues to meet with Ecology staff to clarify comments and 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.

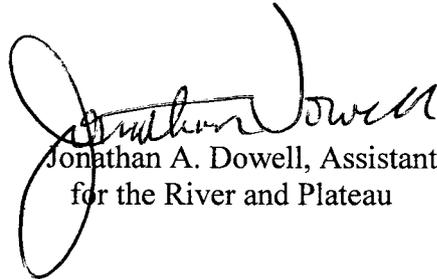
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 376-6137.

Sincerely,



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