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Mr. Silas Whitman, Chairman
Tribal Executive Committee
Nez Perce Tribe
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Lapwai, Idaho 83540

Re: Response to Letter dated March 28, 2013, "DRAFT Proposed Plan for Remediation of the
100-FR-1, 100-FR-2, 100-IU-2, and 100-IU-6, Operable Units; DOE/RL-2012-41, Draft A"

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Dear Mr. Whitman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the draft proposed plan. Because this is a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead unit, they will handle detailed comments regarding the document. However, Department of Ecology (Ecology) staff reviewed your letter for general concerns that would be applicable to units under our lead. We will discuss these key issues with the United States Department of Energy and EPA before finalizing our approach to reviews or responses.

Ecology does require all sites to be consistent with 2007 Model Toxic Control Act standards for final cleanup. This includes the requirements for documentation of alternative fate and transport modeling which is used to determine the cleanup levels. We strongly support the continued use of the goal of highest beneficial use for groundwater, as opposed to beneficial use.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact John Price, our Tri-Party Agreement Section Manager, at John.Price@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7921.

Sincerely,

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