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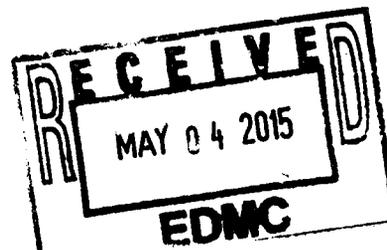
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RESPONSE TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S REVIEW OF RPP-RPT-58339, *PHASE 2 RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA C*, DRAFT, REV. A

- References:
1. Ecology letter from J. Lyon to R. Beach, ORP, "Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Review of RPP-RPT-58339, *Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation for Waste Management Area C*, Rev. A Draft," 15-NWP-037, dated February 23, 2015.
 2. RPP-RPT-58339, *Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation Report (RFI) for Waste Management Area (WMA) C*, Draft, Rev. A, Washington River Protection Solutions LLC, Richland, Washington.
 3. RPP-RPT-58329, *Baseline Risk Assessment for Waste Management Area C*, Rev. 0, Washington River Protection Solutions LLC, Richland, Washington.
 4. RPP-PLAN-37243, *Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Master Work Plan for Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas*, Rev. 2, Washington River Protection Solutions LLC, Richland, Washington.

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the issues and/or requests identified in the Referenced letter from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Reference 1). The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) concurs with Ecology's extension request for submitting comments by July 1, 2015, on RPP-RPT-58339, *Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation Report for Waste Management Area C*, Rev. A (Reference 2) and associated reference documents that have not been previously reviewed, such as RPP-RPT-58329, *Baseline Risk Assessment for Waste Management Area C*, Rev. 0 (Reference 3).

ORP will schedule monthly meetings, as suggested by Ecology, regarding the upcoming revision of RPP-RPT-58339, per *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* interim milestone M-045-61A. It is agreed that monthly meetings should facilitate the resolution of concerns regarding the content of RPP-RPT-58339, Rev. A; however, it should be noted

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that the frequency of meetings might need to be adjusted over time, depending on the number of concerns, etc. To date, meetings have been held on March 11, 2015, and April 15, 2015. Meeting minutes will be available for review in the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement Administrative Record.

Additionally, ORP acknowledges Ecology's concerns about the extent of groundwater information presented in RPP-RPT-58339, Rev. A. It is suggested that this concern be discussed during one of the aforementioned monthly meetings in order to determine the appropriate path forward. Additionally, ORP acknowledges that per milestone M-045-61A, the revised RPP-RPT-58339, Rev. 0 and RPP-PLAN-37243, *Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation/ Corrective Measures Study Master Work Plan for Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas*, Rev. 2 (Reference 4), will be submitted by December 31, 2016, as primary documents.

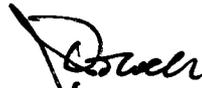
Lastly is the issue of revising RPP-PLAN-37243 (Master Work Plan), which is referenced in the subject matter report. The purpose of the Master Work Plan was to identify the overall conceptual process for performing Phase 2 corrective actions to support final closure of all of the single-shell tank waste management areas (milestone M-045-58). During the April 15, 2015, meeting the following items associated with the Master Work Plan were agreed upon:

- References in RPP-RPT-58339 to the Master Work Plan are adequate and do not require modification.
- The milestone (M-045-58) associated with the Master Work Plan is complete.
- It would be beneficial to continue discussion on the topics covered in the Master Work Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas W. Fletcher, Assistant Manager for Tank Farms Project, on (509) 376-3434.

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