



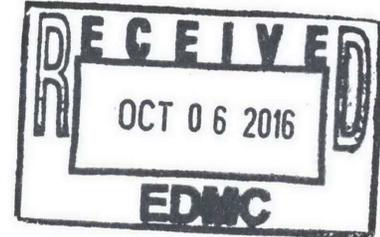
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Dear Ms. Smith:

INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY RESPONSE TO PUREX SURVEILLANCE AND MAINTENANCE PLAN REVIEW COMMENT RECORD NUMBER 8 (16-NWP-166) PERSUANT TO THE HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER, ARTICLE VIII

On September 26, 2016, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued letter 16-NWP-166 with a Review Comment Record in response to comment number 8. See Ecology initiated dispute set forth in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), Action Plan Section 9, Document Review and Comment Process. The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) agrees that this item should enter the dispute process. As of the date of this letter, DOE will enter into the dispute resolution process and fulfill its responsibilities under Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII, "Resolution of Disputes." RL will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the Tri-Party Agreement Project Manager level.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Al Farabee of my staff, on (509) 376-8089.

Sincerely,

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for the River and Plateau

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