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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON SUBMITTAL OF UPDATED REMEDIAL
INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR 200-TW-1 AND 200-TW-2 OPERABLE UNITS (OU)
(INCLUDES THE 200-PW-5 OU), DOE/RL-2002-42

As a follow-up to Ecology's January 22, 2003, letter, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) is requesting a 60-day extension for the submittal of the updated Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 OUs (includes the 200-PW-5 OU), DOE/RL-2002-42. This request is in accordance with the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Action Plan, Section 9.0, Documentation and Records, Figure 9-1. The updated RI will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) no later than May 8, 2003.

The RI was submitted to EPA and Ecology on October 23, 2002, to fulfill Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-015-41B. RL received comments from EPA and Ecology on January 23, 2003. We want to thank Ecology and EPA for the opportunity we had to meet with them on February 4, 2003, to get clarification on some of their comments. The document is being revised to address the comments provided. The sequence of events, recent correspondence, and on-going discussions on the need for finalizing a comprehensive and coordinated strategy for ecological risk assessment form the basis of RL's request for the 60-day extension. This extension will help ensure that the document provided in May 2003 is acceptable to all parties.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Mattlin, of my staff, on (509) 376-2385 or Bryan Foley, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-7087.

Sincerely,

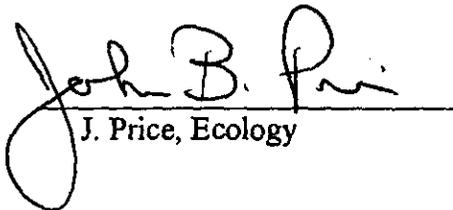


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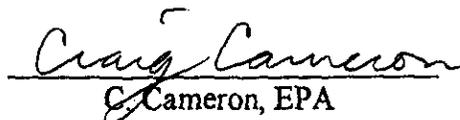
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Date extension approved for the submittal of the Updated Remedial Investigation Report for 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 Operable Unit's (OU's) (Includes the 200-PW-5 OU), DOE/RL-2002-42. Document will be submitted by May 8, 2003.



J. Price, Ecology



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