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Dear Mr. Foley:

Re: Review of DOE/RL-2002-14, Draft A, *Tanks/Lines/Pits/Boxes/Septic Tank and Drain Field Waste Group Operable Units RI/FS Work Plan and RCRA TSD Unit Sampling Plan Includes: 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 Operable Units*

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the Draft A Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan for the 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 operable units on December 30, 2002. Since then, Ecology has completed reviews of the 200-TW-1/200-TW-2/200-PW-5 RI Report, and the 200-PW-2/200-PW-4 RI Work Plan. Ecology's review of the latter documents identified similar deficiencies in both. Our preliminary review of DOE/RL-2002-14 identified some of those same deficiencies; therefore, we have concluded that it would be a poor use of Ecology staff resources to review the current version of DOE/RL-2002-14.

Please revise and resubmit Draft A of the 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 Work Plan, after incorporating the following key comments:

- Re-edit the work plan to address some of the editing concerns raised in the previous reviews.
- Revise the write-up of ecological data and re-consider the ecological data needs.
- Incorporate the "risk framework" included in the Tri-Party response to Hanford Advisory Board advice #132.

There is one other unit-specific issue that should be addressed for the Hexone tanks unit reference: 02-WMD-044, letter from Peter Knollmeyer (USDOE) to Bob Wilson (Ecology). The letter asserted as the basis to stabilize the Hexone tanks that the exhumation and handling costs for the Hexone tanks should be spread over multiple tanks to achieve economies of scale. This work plan states that the proposed plan will address "contingencies to move a waste site to a more appropriate waste group." Therefore, please identify, within this work

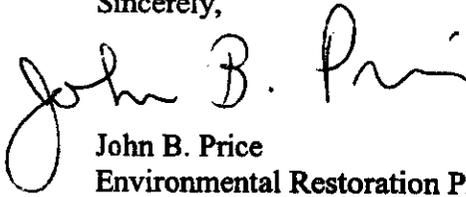


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plan, the tanks that USDOE is proposing to group with the Hexone tanks for removal and waste handling (e.g., size reduction).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3029.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Record: 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1