

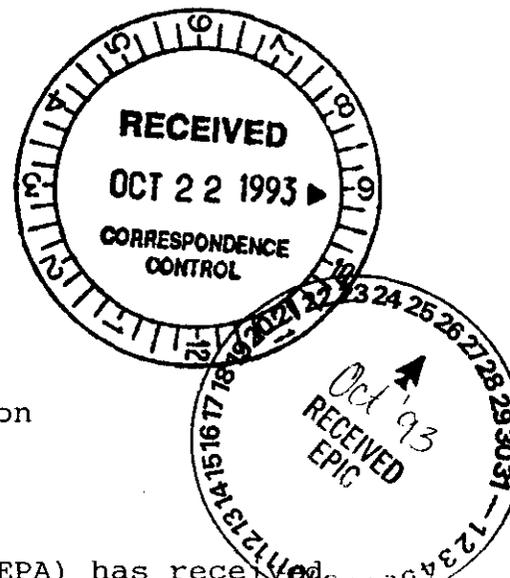


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September 21, 1993

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Re: Riverland Rail Wash Expedited Response Action

Dear Mr. Staats:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your letter documenting your concerns related to the Riverland Expedited Response Action (ERA). These concerns were predicated due to a change from bioremediation at the site to bioremediation at a controlled location at the 100-BC area.

As you are aware, EPA does not consider this change a significant deviation from the action memorandum and the change has been documented through a unit managers agreement form.

However, in order to fully address your concerns a meeting was held September 20, 1993 to discuss the major issues set forth in your letter. One of the primary issues was the need for additional public involvement. I spoke with Mary Getchell of your public outreach section and she concurred with EPA's approach concerning public involvement. The Yakima Indian Nation has expressed an interest in this project, therefore, I called a representative of the Yakima's, Mr. Bob Cook, and discussed the project with him. In addition, we will place an article in the October Hanford Update notifying the general public of the change.

Another issue raised in your letter was the need for a notice of construction for this project. After discussing this matter I believe we determined that in fact no notice is required for this project.

You expressed a concern regarding the transport of this material over public highways. This concern is minimized by the fact that the material will be transported through an alternate gate thus reducing the travel distance on public roads.

Your final concern was that fact that Ecology had not had the opportunity to review the bioremediation procedures. The

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U.S. Department of Energy agreed to supply the procedures to you for your consideration.

I believe we have addressed all the concerns you have raised. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me on (509) 376-8631.

Sincerely,



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Unit Manager

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