

Tri-Party Agreement

Mr. Charles Sullivan
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR PROPOSED TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT (TPA) MODIFICATIONS FOR
DISPOSITION OF HANFORD SURPLUS REACTORS (M-93-00)

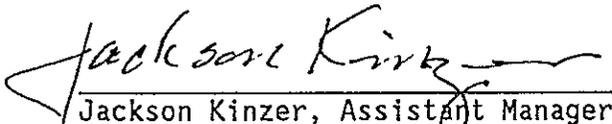
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Thank you very much for your recent comments and support regarding the agencies' proposed TPA modifications covering the U.S. Department of Energy's reactors on the Columbia River.

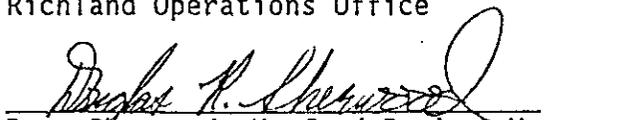
We would also like to respond to your question regarding the potential to clean up tanks in the 200 Area of the Hanford Site (assuming you are referring to Tank Waste Remediation System Program tanks) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The CERCLA program is designed to regulate cleanup of inactive hazardous material disposal sites, and is being employed extensively at many inactive sites across the Hanford reservation. In contrast, all tanks actively storing hazardous waste are required to be managed and eventually closed under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), or an authorized state equivalent program. The Washington State Department of Ecology is the lead regulatory agency responsible for overseeing all RCRA activities on the Hanford Site.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Washington State Department of Ecology, we thank you for your interest in these important projects.

Sincerely,


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