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Dear Mr. Price:

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR REVISION OF THE 200-PW-2/200-PW-4 OPERABLE UNITS (OU) REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) WORK PLAN

In your letter dated January 5, 2004, the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) requested that the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) make specific revisions to the subject work plan by adding more characterization to the scope of the current version of the RI/FS OU Work Plan and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Temporary Storage and Disposal Unit Sampling Plan (SAP). These proposed revisions specify the addition of the 216-S-7 waste site to the SAP located in Appendix B of the work plan.

To accommodate this, RL will prepare a separate SAP to execute the additional sampling which will be included as an appendix to the final revision of the work plan. RL will also proceed with incorporating the agreed-upon resolutions to all the other comments provided on the last draft of the work plan and transmitting the Revision 1 version of the work plan, including the new 216-S-7 SAP for your approval.

RL agrees with Ecology's approach to allow the newly-collected data from the 216-S-7 borehole be included in the FS to maintain the schedule for submittal of the RI report which is due in June of this year under Tri-Party Agreement interim Milestone M-015-43B. We look forward to working with Ecology on the completion of this effort. If you have questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Bryan Foley, Office of the Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 376-7087; or Ellen Dagan, Regulatory Compliance and Analysis Division, on (509) 376-3811.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. McCormick, Assistant Manager  
for the Central Plateau

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