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Dear Mr. Romine and Mr. French:

Re: 200-SW-2 Operable Unit, Tri-Party Agreement Major Milestone M-13-000 and M-15-00C

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) met with the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency on July 27, 2004, and completed the quarterly review of progress towards Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) milestones. At that time, Ecology expressed its concern about the ability of USDOE to comply with TPA major milestone M-13-000, which requires USDOE to "Submit 1 200 NPL RI/FS (RFI/CMS) Work Plan for the 200-SW-2, Radioactive Landfills and Dumps OU" by December 31, 2004. Ecology is also concerned about the ability of USDOE to complete the pre-record of decision site investigations for the 200-SW-2 operable unit by December 31, 2008, which is the date required by TPA major milestone M-15-00C.

Milestones M-13-000 and M-15-00C also include waste sites in the 200-SW-1, Non-Radioactive Landfills and Dumps Operable Unit. Ecology is not concerned at this time regarding USDOE's ability to plan and complete work for waste sites in the 200-SW-1 operable unit.

Because of its concern about the two TPA major milestones, Ecology is requesting that USDOE provide, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, current work schedule information for the 200-SW-2 operable unit. The schedule information "shall address all ongoing activities associated with the milestones, operable unit or separate TSD groups/units, to include actions on

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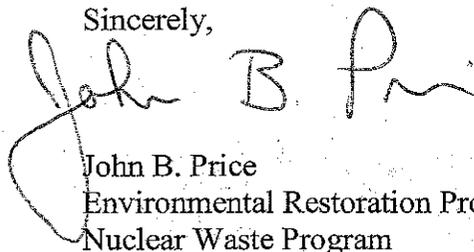
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specific units (e.g., sampling).” Section 4.1 of the TPA requires USDOE to provide this information. USDOE shall identify “project task element schedule status and associated ‘float’”. Ecology has attached the treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) groups/units, sampling, and project task elements that should be included in the work schedule information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 372-7921 or Matt Mills at (509) 372-7917.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Environmental Portal

Enclosure
200-SW-2 TSD Groups/Units, Sampling, and Project Task Elements

M-13-000 RI/FS work plan submittal
Regulatory Approval RI/FS work plan
Remedial Investigation –Phase I Report¹
Supplemental RI/FS work plan for Remedial Investigation Phase II
Remedial Investigation –Phase II Report²
Treatability Investigations work plans
Treatability Investigations report
Feasibility Study Phases I and II report
Feasibility Study—Phase III and Proposed Plan³
Final Revision of Part B Permit Application for LLBG
RCRA TSD Units Sampling Plan
RCRA TSD Units Characterization/Risk Assessment
Draft Closure/Postclosure Plans for Past-Practice LLBGs
Draft Closure/Postclosure Plans for MW Trenches 31, 34 and 94
Completion of TRU Retrieval, 218-E-12B, W-3, W-4B, W-4C

¹RI Phase I defined at TPA Section 7.3.3

²RI Phase II defined at TPA Section 7.3.6

³TPA Section 7.3.7