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RE: Recommendation for Path Forward for Tank 241-Z-361

Dear Ms. Clarke:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed review of the data packages and recommendation for regulatory path forward for remediation of Tank 241-Z-361. EPA commends the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for providing EPA with a clear, well-written report. EPA concurs with DOE that a non-time critical removal action is the appropriate path forward for the disposition of the contents of Tank 241-Z-361.

EPA requires no revisions to the document, but would like to point out several inaccuracies. Table 6-1 states that a non-time critical removal action may not be appropriate if a treatability test is required. This statement is not necessarily true. Treatability tests may be conducted pursuant to removal actions if they are warranted. In addition, the text in Section 6.2.2 makes reference to increased costs to DOE and the project to prepare a Record of Decision (ROD). This is not an accurate statement, as EPA would be the organization responsible for development of the ROD.

EPA recommends we meet to develop a schedule for submittal of the engineering evaluation and cost analysis. Please contact me at (509) 376-8631 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Faulk".

Dennis Faulk
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