

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Introduction

The purpose of this Responsiveness Summary is to summarize and respond to public comments on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Above-Grade Structures. The EE/CA was provided for public comment on October 11, 2004.

The Tri-Parties announced the issuance of the EE/CA in the Tri-Cities Herald. A 30-day public comment period was held during which time the public had the opportunity to read, review and submit comments on the PFP Above-Grade Structures EE/CA. There were no requests for a public meeting; therefore, no public meeting was held. The document evaluates the alternatives for a non-time critical removal action for over 50 Plutonium Finishing Plant above-grade structures under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

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Public Involvement

A newspaper ad was placed in the *Tri-City Herald* on October 11, 2004 announcing the availability of the EE/CA and the start of the public comment period. Approximately fifteen hundred copies of a fact sheet describing the EE/CA were mailed out or sent electronically. A public comment period was held from October 11 through November 10, 2004. No requests were received for a public meeting. No public meeting was held.

Comments and Responses

The agencies received five written comments during the comment period. Three of the commenter questioned if, how, and when the agencies would address the below-grade structures and potentially contaminated soils. Two of the commenters supported the preferred alternative (i.e., Slab-on-Grade). Comments covered a range of issues: 1) request for more-detailed information (e.g., cost, characterization data) to be provided in the EE/CA; 2) issues related to the Z-9 crib; and 3) suggestions on the grouting of sub-grade vaults and structures. Commenters received responses to the comments submitted.