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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**EFFLUENT TREATMENT FACILITY (ETF) DELISTING EXCLUSION CONDITION 2
REPORT CLARIFICATION TO STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

In my letter to L. M. Bogert, EPA, "Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) Delisting Exclusion Condition 2 Report," (06-AMCP-0084) dated December 29, 2005, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office responded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concerning Condition 2 of the Hazardous Waste Management Systems; Final Exclusion for Identification and Listing Hazardous Waste (70 FR 44496, August 3, 2005). The response report contained a proposal for data quality parameters and data acceptance criteria for sampling and analysis conducted pursuant to the requirements of the approved 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) delisting exclusion, a detailed justification including the process used for selecting the proposed parameters and criteria, and a demonstration that the proposal is appropriate with respect to the regulatory limits in the delisting exclusion.

The intent of this letter is to clarify to the State of Washington, Department of Ecology that all analysis performed in support of the ETF delisting will be as specified in Chapter 3 of the final status permit (WA7890008967, Attachment 34). Through compliance with the final status permit, any data used to satisfy Washington's Dangerous Waste Regulations, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303, will, as a minimum, meet the requirements of 173-303-110(3) and by reference, the Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Method, EPA Publication, SW-846 requirements identified in 173-303-110(3)(a). Once appropriate analytical methods are selected, those methods must be equivalent to SW-846 methods in terms of methodology, sensitivity, accuracy, and precision (i.e., reproducibility). Any decision made to pursue the use of a method not currently specified in the final status permit will follow the procedure as defined in WAC 173-303-910(2) [as referenced in WAC 173-303-110(5)] Petitions for Equivalent Testing or Analytical Methods.

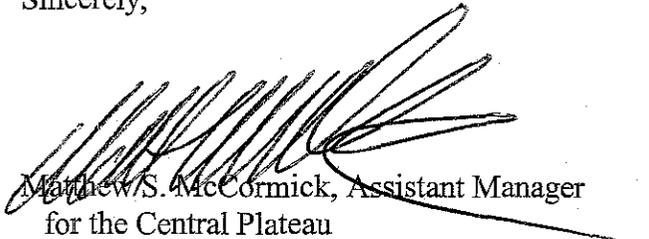
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mark French, of my staff, on (509) 373-9863.

Sincerely,



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