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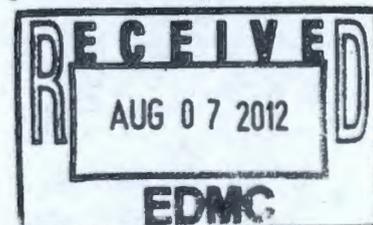
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Mr. Briant Charboneau, Federal Project Director  
Richland Operations Office  
United States Department of Energy  
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Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Opportunity to Accelerate Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (TPA) Milestone M-015-110A

References: See page 2

Dear Mr. Charboneau:



As TPA Project Manager for the 200-DV-1 Operable Unit (OU), I am providing the following notification in accordance with Section 4.1 of the TPA Action Plan. Your written reply is required within 15 working days after your receipt of this letter.

TPA Change Number M-15-11-03 delayed submittal of the 200-DV-1 OU work plan from 09/30/2012 to 03/31/2015. The Description/Justification of Change states that:

“However, DOE agrees to pursue funding in accordance with TPA Article XLVIII to minimize the 30 month delay, and **Ecology and DOE will continue to assess whether this 30 month delay can be shortened.**” [emphasis added]

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) concludes that the 30-month delay for M-15-110A can be shortened. The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) and Ecology have agreed on the Site Conceptual Models (SCMs) applicable to the 200-DV-1 OU. USDOE and Ecology also agree on the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP). USDOE-Office of River Protection is delivering a similar work plan to Ecology by December 31, 2012 pursuant to agreement milestone M-045-20. All the necessary scope detail of the work plan is completed. Ecology concludes that USDOE can easily assemble the M-015-110A work plan using the 200-DV-1 SCMs and SAP, and relevant elements of the M-045-20 work plan. Therefore:

Ecology requests delivery of the work plan due under M-015-110A by March 31, 2013 (90 days after the due date of M-045-20).

Additional Rationale:

The TPA Ecology/United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Interest List for Fiscal Year 2012 included several elements of Deep Vadose Zone work:

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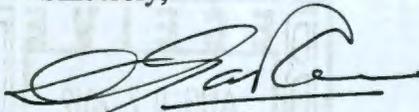
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- M-15-110D Dessication Pilot Test Report
- 200-DV-1 OU, B Area Perched/Pore Waste Removal Activity
- 200-DV-1 OU, BY Crib Characterization

These elements were included on the Ecology/EPA Interest List because of the high priority that the regulatory agencies place on investigating and remediating the Deep Vadose Zone. Further, tribal nations and stakeholders (including the Hanford Advisory Board) have placed a high priority and agreed to the approaches for the Deep Vadose Zone.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 509-372-7902 or [dib.goswami@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:dib.goswami@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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References:

1. TPA Change Number M-015-110A, "Submit RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study (RFI/CMS) & Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) work plan for the 200-DV-1 OU to Ecology."
2. TPA Change Number M-15-11-03, "Delay of M-015 Series Ecology-Lead Interim Milestones to Focus Resources in FY 2012 and FY 2013 on Field Cleanup Activities." September 14, 2011 0099062

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