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Mr. Doug Sherwood
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Mr. Richard Holten
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Holten:

Re: Project Manager Dispute Resolution for TPA Milestone M-20-36

During the past month, the 200-BP-11 unit managers worked hard to resolve a dispute which would have determined an acceptable schedule for 200-BP-11. This schedule is in support of the *200-BP-11 Operable Unit RFI/CMS and 216-B-3 Main Pond, 216-B-63 Trench, and 216-A-29 Ditch Work/Closure Plan, Volume 1: Facility Investigation and Sampling Strategy (DOE/RL-93-74, 40985 Draft B)* [Work Plan].

The unit managers reached an impasse during their negotiations and were unable to resolve the dispute. The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) has presented a schedule for beginning the 200-BP-11 investigation during FY97, with a scheduled completion date of September 1999. During FY96, USDOE would develop a 200 Area Remediation Strategy. Based on this strategy, 200-BP-11's investigation may or may not begin during FY97. Ecology maintains the 200-BP-11 investigation should occur during FY96 and FY97.

During the September 27, 1995, Project Managers meeting, it was agreed by all three parties that this dispute should be elevated to the Project Managers for resolution. Under TPA Article VIII, the Project Managers have forty-four days to issue a written decision or determination on the dispute.

If I can be of further assistance during the dispute resolution, please call me at 736-3048.

Sincerely,

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