



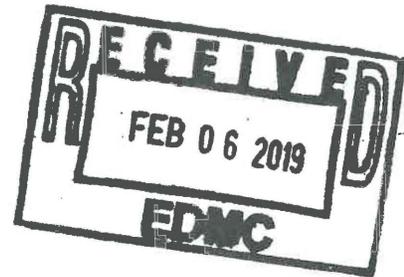
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Dear Ms. Smith:

200-EA-1 OPERABLE UNIT WASTE SITE RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION/  
CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY AND REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY  
STUDY WORK PLAN, DOE/RL-2016-58, DRAFT A

References: (1) Ecology ltr. to W. F. Hamel, RL, from N. M. Menard, "Re: Sensitivity Analysis on Recharge Rates for the 200-EA-1 Operable Unit Waste Site RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan (200-EA-1 Work Plan), Draft A, DOE/RL-2016-58," 19-NWP-016, dtd. January 28, 2019.

(2) Ecology ltr. to W. F. Hamel, RL, from N. M. Menard, "Re: Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Method Analysis Selection for the 200-EA-1 Operable Unit Waste Site RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan, Draft A, (DOE/RL-2016-58)," 19-NWP-015, dtd. January 28, 2019.

This letter is in response to the referenced Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) letters 19-NWP-015 and 19-NWP-016 dated January 28, 2019. The letters addressed concerns from Ecology on Sensitivity Analysis on Recharge Rates for "Immature Shrub Steppe" and the "Mature Shrub Steppe" phases of analysis and the use of Method 1668A for analysis of aroclor congeners to determine the toxic equivalents on a limited number of the 114 waste sites in the 200-EA-1 Operable Unit. Ecology and the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) have been trying to resolve these two issues at the project manager level since mid-September 2018 and have not been able to come to an agreed resolution. These two issues were presented to the Interagency Management Integration Team (IAMIT) on January 31, 2019, for discussion. The IAMIT has requested that the two parties come prepared at the next IAMIT meeting on February 14, 2019, to present the two positions and the basis for the technical and regulatory positions of both Ecology and RL. If, at that time, Ecology and RL cannot agree upon a resolution on one or both of these issues, the formal dispute process may be invoked. RL reserves their dispute rights until after the IAMIT meeting.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Michael Cline, of my staff, on (509) 376-6070.

Sincerely,



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