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Re: EPA National Remedy Review Board for Hanford 100 and 300 Areas:
Invitation to Provide Written Summary of Technical Issues

Dear Ms. Bilson:

The EPA's National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) is reviewing Hanford's 100 Area Burial Grounds and 300 Area 300-FF-2 Operable Unit remedial plans. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is invited to provide a written summary of technical issues. This letter provides some background on the NRRB and the opportunity for DOE input.

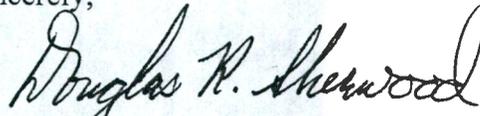
In October 1995 EPA's Administrator announced a collection of initiatives designed to help control remedy costs and to promote consistent and cost-effective CERCLA cleanup decisions. One of these initiatives is the NRRB which reviews proposed high cost cleanup decisions to assure that they are consistent with current law, regulations, and guidance. The NRRB is a peer-review group that understands both the regional and EPA Headquarters perspectives in the CERCLA remedy selection process.

The DOE is invited to submit a written summary (less than 10 pages) of any technical issues DOE believes are pertinent to the cleanup decision. Alternatively the DOE could provide a written statement that EPA is using the analysis of alternatives prepared by DOE and that DOE supports EPA's proposed interim remedial action. The written material from the DOE will be attached to an informational site package that EPA's Hanford Project Office is preparing. The DOE is not involved in direct discussions with the NRRB. The NRRB meeting date is tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2000, at the Renaissance Madison Hotel in Seattle.

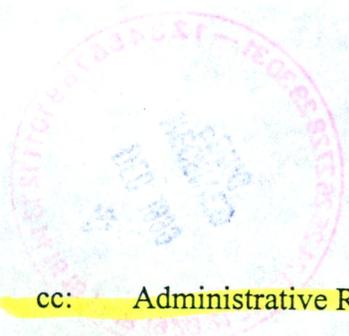
In addition to this invitation to DOE, the three tribes and the State of Washington Department of Ecology have the opportunity to provide approximately 10 to 15 minutes to speak about issues important to them. The state and tribes are invited to attend the information gathering phase and participate, as appropriate, in technical or clarifying discussions.

If you have any questions regarding this process or this letter of invitation, please contact me at (509) 376-9529 or Dennis Faulk at (509) 376-8631 for the 100 Area or Mike Goldstein at (509) 376-4919 for the 300 Area.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Douglas R. Sherwood in black ink.

Douglas R. Sherwood,
Hanford Project Manager

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cc: Administrative Record; 100 Area General File, 300-FF-2