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Dear Mr. Conklin:

THIRD RESPONSE TO STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AUDIT #142 OF 100-B/C AREA AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION DISPOSAL FACILITY (ERDF) AIR MONITORING PROGRAM

- References: (1) DOH ltr. to J. E. Rasmussen from A. W. Conklin, "Audit of Radioactive Air Emissions Issues Associated with the 100 B/C Soil Remediation Project and the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility." dtd. January 2, 1998 (CCN 049392).
(2) ERC Team Meeting Minutes "Draft Responses to the Outstanding Notice of Corrections of the 100 B/C Area and ERDF Air Monitoring Program." dtd. July 14, 1997 (CCN 051224).

On January 2, 1998, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), received a DOH letter (Reference 1) concerning closeout of the DOH audit on the 100-B/C Area and ERDF air monitoring program. The letter requested that the 100-B/C air monitoring program be revised to require notification to DOH if any air sampler is out of operation for more than 24 hours as agreed to in a meeting held July 2, 1997. The meeting notes (Reference 2) indicate that an agreement was not reached concerning notification and that DOH and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA [the 100-B/C and ERDF lead regulatory agency]) would discuss the response outside of this meeting. RL's proposal in the July 2, 1997, meeting was to notify DOH if more than 1 monitor is shutdown for more than 48 hours.

After discussions with EPA, it was proposed that DOH be notified if 1 monitor is out of operation for more than 48 hours. This is consistent with the notification policy presented to DOH in a meeting held November 25, 1997, on the group 3 and 4 remedial action air monitoring program.

Further discussions on the notification policy were held on January 21, 1998 between Ms. Cindy Grant, DOH, and Mr. Dennis Faulk, EPA. It is RL's understanding that the issue has been resolved and it was agreed that DOH will be notified if 1 monitor is out of operation for more than 48 hours, and that the DOH letter dated January 2, 1998, will be re-issued indicating that the audit has been closed.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. N. A. Werdel, 100-B/C Project Manager, at (509) 376-5500.

Sincerely



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