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Re: Request for waiver of refrigeration and holding time requirements for 200-BP-1 Operable Unit

Dear Mr. Hosaka:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your letter requesting a waiver pertaining to holding time requirements and refrigeration for sample analysis. It has been determined that a partial waiver for refrigeration is appropriate, but only for 200-BP-1 Operable Unit (OU). In addition, a full waiver for holding time requirements for all core and high level samples is not appropriate.

EPA grants a full waiver of the refrigeration requirements for "high level", a partial waiver for "medium level" for refrigeration, but only during handling in the Shielded Analytical Laboratory (SAL). Once the "medium level" samples have been reduced in size and leave the SAL for processing by each analytical group, all refrigeration requirements will be observed.

EPA has determined that a full waiver for holding time is not appropriate for all samples. EPA will not grant holding time waivers for any analytes that will result in turnaround times in excess of the Tri-Party Agreement (Section 9.6.2) turnaround times. However, EPA may be inclined to grant a partial waiver for holding times on specific analytes having short holding time requirements. EPA suggests Battelle submit a list of specific analytes having holding times less than the turnaround times specified in the Tri-Party Agreement. Attached to this list should be the current holding time requirements and the Tri-Party Agreement turnaround times as well as justifications for waiver.



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Please be aware that I am only authorized to grant a waiver for 200-BP-1 Operable Unit sampling activities. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to meet with me please call me at (509) 376-8665.

Sincerely;



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