



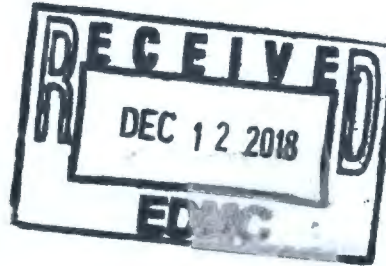
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December 11, 2018



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Mr. Doug Shoop, Manager
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RE: Letter of Clarification for Removal of White Powder in the Plutonium Uranium Extraction (PUREX) Facility under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

References: See page 2

Dear Mr. Shoop:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your letter regarding removal of the white powder in the PUREX Canyon (Reference 1). We would like to clarify, that in accordance with the USDOE/RL-98-35 Rev. 3, Surveillance and Maintenance Plan for the PUREX Facility, Washington Administrative Code 173-303, Administrative Order Docket No. 15343, and the Pollution Control Hearings Board Order on Summary Judgment dated June 26, 2018 (Reference 2), removal of the white powder from the PUREX Canyon that has been designated as dangerous waste must be under these authorities.

The PUREX Canyon has no CERCLA decision governing operations at this time.

Please submit to Ecology a plan to recover and manage dangerous waste in accordance with Administrative Order Docket No. 15343 Corrective Action 2, no later than January 31, 2019. Failure to comply with the Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, administrative and/or judicial, to enforce the terms of the Order.



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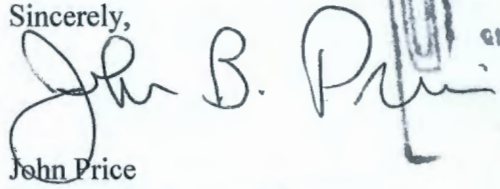
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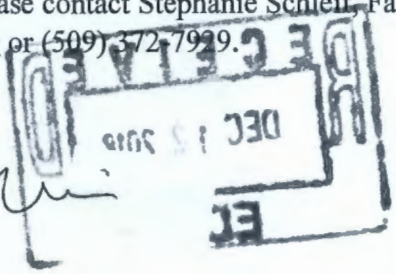
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If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Schleif, Facility Transition Project Manager, at stephanie.schleif@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7929.

Sincerely,



John Price
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Nuclear Waste Program



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References:

1. Letter 18-AMRP-0154, dated September 24, 2018, from Doug Shoop, USDOE-RL to A.K. Smith, Ecology, "Removal of White Powder in the Plutonium Uranium Extraction (PUREX) Facility under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)"
2. PCHB Case No. 17-084, dated June 26, 2018, from Kay M. Brown, Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office, "PCHB NO. 17-084, United States Department of Energy and CHR2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company v. State of Washington, Department of Ecology"

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