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Dear Messrs. Alexander and Sherwood:

SUBMITTAL OF MEETING MINUTES/ACTION ITEMS/PRESENTATION MATERIALS ON N-SPRINGS EXPEDITED RESPONSE ACTION (ERA) PROJECT, SKYSHINE ABATEMENT MEASURES, AND 1301-N/1325-N CRIB CHARACTERIZATION

Attached are the meeting minutes and action items (Attachment 1) from the January 24, 1995, meeting regarding the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office's (RL), presentation on the N-Springs ERA project, skyshine abatement measures, and 1301-N/1325-N crib characterization. Included in Attachment 1 is a copy of the presentations made on each of these subjects. Also provided as Attachment 2, is the Constructability Report for the Hanford N-Springs Sheet Pile Test Program.

Based on the presentations and recommendations made at the meeting, RL is preparing the following change requests:

1. A request to amend the Action Memorandum to address the N-Springs ERA cleanup plan. This change request will describe the fact that the sheet pile wall cannot be installed as originally planned based upon the recently completed sheet pile test program results. The request will also recommend a revision to the Action Memorandum to include public review.
2. A revised Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order change request form amending the proposed N Area change control form to address the changes resulting from the modification to the Action Memorandum and the skyshine abatement measures and 1301-N and 1325-N crib characterization. This change request will recommend a no-action alternative for skyshine abatement and deferral of crib characterization based on the information provided at the meeting.

It is recommended that DOE and the regulators hold a meeting to review the draft change request for the skyshine and crib characterization prior to its final submittal. However, due to the timing and cost associated with potential delays in the N-Springs ERA project, the request to amend the Action Memorandum will be submitted immediately for review and disposition.



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The meeting minutes include two main action items:

1. Set up meetings to review the technical data and details associated with the N-Springs ERA project, skyshine abatement measures, and 1301-N/1325-N crib characterization. These meetings are currently being conducted based on the availability of the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency staff (EPA).
2. Issue a letter to EPA and Ecology and for the Administrative Record documenting the technical problems associated with the construction of the barrier wall as originally planned in the Action Memorandum. The letter is to include the sheet pile wall test constructability report (see Attachment 2).

If you want to discuss this matter further or require additional information regarding the meeting minutes and/or the follow-up actions, please contact Mr. Paul M. Pak at 376-4798.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: As stated

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