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Wade C. Woolery
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Re: Extension Necessary for Review of the 221-U Facility Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan and Associated Draft Milestone Change Package

Dear Mr. Woolery:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is advising the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that EPA will extend the duration of the review of the *Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Work Plan for the 221-U Facility* (DOE/RL-2006-21) by 30 days. The intent to extend the review period was first transmitted to DOE via an e-mail on the subject sent February 1, 2007 by the EPA project manager to Margo Voogd and Kevin Leary of DOE. EPA indicated in the message that a follow-up letter would further explain the reasons for the extension. The extension will move the end of the review from February 5, 2007 to March 5, 2007. 0071902

The extension in the review is necessary to provide additional time to assess the level of detail in the RD/RA work plan and to provide constructive feedback on how and when to provide more detail to revisions of the work plan as the remedial design progresses. There is also a need to meet with DOE and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to discuss the remedial action milestones included in the associated draft milestone change package and how they relate to the overall schedule and planning for facilities in the 200 Area. EPA and Ecology have expressed an interest in comprehensively addressing the schedule for facilities by planning and developing future remedial action milestones for the more complex facilities and for the completion of all actions for decommissioned buildings by 2024.

The extension should provide the time necessary for the Tri-Party agencies to meet and decide if the approval of the specific milestones for the 221-U Facility should follow the normal Tri-Party Agreement review clock or if there should be an agreement in principle developed to put a temporary hold on the milestone development for the 221-U Facility remedial action in favor of comprehensively addressing all facilities within the 200 Area. Such a comprehensive approach likely will involve formalizing the facility binning outcomes and planning for remedial and removal actions that are consistent with the level of involvement spelled out in the draft binning agreement document (recognizing that it has not been finalized or approved by all the Tri-Parties) and the requirement to complete non-tank farm remedial actions by 2024.

Please contact me at (509) 376-8665 to discuss this further and to schedule a meeting of project managers to address the various issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Cameron".

Craig Cameron
Project Manager

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