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Ms. Alexandra K. Smith, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Smith:

TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION AND TREATABILITY STUDIES ASSESSMENT FOR THE
HANFORD CENTRAL PLATEAU DEEP VADOSE ZONE, DOE/RL-2017-58, DRAFT A

This is in response to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter 19-NWP-051 regarding Ecology's assessment of the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office's (RL) ability to meet Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-015-110B, "Submit Corrective Measures Study & Feasibility Study Report and Proposed Plan/Proposed Corrective Action Decision for 200-DV-1 OU to Ecology." RL is unable to evaluate Ecology's assessment that the milestone "is to be missed" without receipt and review of Ecology's comments that were the basis of Ecology's assessment.

While RL is unable to evaluate Ecology's assessment at this time, we will continue to monitor the schedule and make required notifications per the Tri-Party Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mike Cline, of my staff, on (509) 376-6070.

Sincerely,

William F. Hamel, Assistant Manager
for the River and Plateau

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