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Re: 200-CS-1 and 200-UW-1 Operable Units (OU), Department of Ecology priorities for  
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Budget

Dear Mr. Charboneau:

The Department of Ecology requests a task element schedule for the 200-UW-1 OU. The schedule should show tasks leading to re-issuing a Proposed Plan. The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Action Plan, Section 4.1, requires the United States Department of Energy-Richland (USDOE-RL) to provide task level schedules. Section 4.1 requires the schedules prior to the Project Managers monthly meetings. USDOE-RL must provide a 200-UW-1 OU schedule to Ecology prior to the July 10, 2008, Project Manager Meeting.

We also request that USDOE-RL adjust the FFY 2009 funding priorities for the 200-CS-1 and 200-UW-1 operable units as follows:

1. Provide FFY 2009 funding for 200-UW-1 pre-Record of Decision (ROD) activities, including a revised Proposed Plan.
2. Do not use FFY 2009 funding for a 200-CS-1 feasibility study and proposed plan.
3. Plan to use FFY 2009 funding for a 200-CS-1 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Record of Decision Action Memorandum.
4. Provide FFY 2009 funding to update closure plans for 216-A-29, 216-S-10 Pond & Ditch, and 216-B-63 hazardous waste management units.

Background: Request for 200-UW-1 Schedule

USDOE-RL is required to provide task-level schedules prior to the 200 Area Project Managers monthly meetings. Ecology made two requests for a schedule for the 200-UW-1 OU.

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USDOE-RL met with Ecology on April 29, 2008, to respond to the first request. Fluor Hanford, Inc., representatives attended the meeting and provided Ecology a schedule. USDOE-RL representatives referred to this schedule as the "Fluor schedule." Ecology asserts USDOE-RL failed to comply with HFFACO Action Plan requirements because USDOE-RL refers to this schedule as the "Fluor schedule."

On May 12, 2008, Ecology sent you, as the Tri-Party Agreement Project Manager, an email. In the email, we requested that USDOE-RL provide a schedule at the 200 Area Project Managers Meeting on May 15, 2008. USDOE-RL did not provide a schedule at the meeting. Ecology asserts USDOE-RL again failed to comply with HFFACO Action Plan requirements.

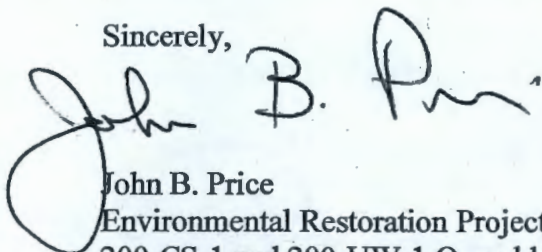
Background: Budget Priorities for 200-CS-1 and 200-UW-1 OUs

USDOE's FFY 2009 Hanford budget does not comply with all HFFACO requirements. This letter identifies four budget priorities in response to this budget deficiency. Ecology's budget priorities are consistent with:

- Ecology's letter dated April 26, 2006, that stated, "there is no need for a separate Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Record of Decision [CERCLA] for the 200-CS-1 operable unit." Ecology also suggested that a CERCLA Action Memorandum would be more cost-effective than a feasibility study and proposed plan.
- Hanford Advisory Board advice #166 states, "The Board advises the Department of Energy to fund the U Plant Area remediation activities to ensure they are completed in a timely manner to facilitate 200 Area closure decisions." Ecology asserts USDOE-RL must respond to this advice with FFY 2009 funding of pre-ROD activities and a revised proposed plan.

If there are any questions, contact me at 509-372-7921.

Sincerely,



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