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Re: Extension of the Department of Ecology's Review of the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the 200-MG-1 Operable Unit Waste Sites*, DOE/RL-2008-44, Draft A

Dear Mr. Charboneau:

On October 29, 2008, the Department of Ecology received a review copy of the referenced document. Ecology appreciates the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) transmitting it two months prior to the M-15-49B Milestone date.

Ecology extends our review in accordance with the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Action Plan, Section 9.2.1. The reason for extension is other Ecology work planned for the next two month. Ecology's review will begin in January 2009, and we will transmit comments to USDOE by February 27, 2009. This extension should not impact USDOE work schedule based on our understanding that removal action is not budgeted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 described by this EE/CA. Please contact me if this understanding is incorrect.

Ecology notes the present value of the removal action (\$150MM) exceeds the threshold for review by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) National Remedy Review Board (NRRB). An USEPA Hanford Project Office remedial project manager (RPM) would present this removal to the NRRB (supported by Ecology). We will therefore coordinate our review with the Hanford Project Office to help their RPM prepare for the NRRB review.

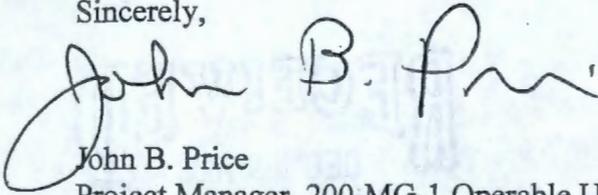
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If there are any questions, contact me at 509-372-7921 or Mandy Jones at 509-372-7916.

Sincerely,



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