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Re: Proposed Path Forward For In-Situ Chromium Treatment Technology Deployment
Decision Strategy

Dear Mr. Franco:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) are documenting our agreement to develop a proposed path forward on an individual operable unit basis in response to your letter on the same subject as above, dated July 30, 2009.

At this time, EPA and Ecology are asking the Department of Energy to revise the feasibility study and proposed plan and resubmit them to support amendment of the 100-HR-3/KR-4 Record of Decision (ROD) and the 100 Area Remaining Sites ROD. It is anticipated that the ROD amendments will specify bio-remediation of the vadose zone and groundwater for 100-KR-4 and 100-HR-3 groundwater operable units and the corresponding 100-K and 100-DR-1/DR-2 Area soil operable units. We believe a treatability test is more appropriate for the 100-BC Area.

It is imperative that the feasibility study and proposed plan get back on track as soon as possible in order to meet the M-016-155 milestone, which states: "DOE will submit revised RD/RA work plans for 100 Area interim remedial actions in accordance with the ROD resulting from milestone M-016-150."

Under separate letters to be sent by November 27, 2009, EPA and Ecology will be sending our key issues for you to consider in the feasibility study and proposed plan. We expect DOE to resubmit the feasibility study and proposed plan 30 days after receiving both EPA and Ecology comments. Please feel free to contact Rod Lobos (EPA) or Nina Menard (Ecology) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jane Hedges, Program Manager
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