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Dear Ms. Hedges:

SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT SINGLE-SHELL TANK (SST) RETRIEVAL SEQUENCE AND DOUBLE-SHELL TANK EVALUATION DOCUMENT, HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (HFFACO) MILESTONE M-45-02N, DUE MARCH 2008

Reference: Ecology letter from J. J. Lyon to S. J. Olinger, ORP, "Re: Single-Shell Tank (SST) Retrieval Selection and Sequence RPP-21216, Revision 2, Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestone M-45-02M," dated April 3, 2007.

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In response to the Reference, enclosed is a tentative schedule showing the planned activities for development of the M-45-02N deliverable. In the Reference, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) requested the schedule identify the process that will enable a mutual understanding of all retrieval and closure assumptions and an Ecology-specific Hanford Tank Waste Operations Simulator (HTWOS) run. The attached schedule provides for Ecology to participate in the discussion, development, and review of the HTWOS modeling assumptions as well as briefings on preliminary results.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change pending the outcome of the approaching HFFACO negotiations and the availability of staff members from all three parties to support the schedule. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP), and its contractor CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. (CH2M HILL), are committed to completing Milestone M-45-02N by its due date of March 1, 2008. According to the schedule, the three parties will need to start work on scoping the M-45-02N deliverable in May 2007. To initiate implementation of the schedule, please provide a point of contact to be responsible for coordinating your agency's involvement.

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In the Reference, Ecology also identified issues regarding the SST Retrieval Selection and Sequence, RPP-21216, Revision 2, and requested provision of a document update by June 14, 2007. Representatives from Ecology, ORP, and CH2M HILL met several times in March and April 2007 to resolve Ecology's comments and concerns. An update to RPP-21216 is on track for transmittal to Ecology by June 14, 2007.

If you have any questions, you may contact me, or your staff may contact Delmar Noyes, Acting Assistant Manager for Tank Farms Project, (509) 376-5166.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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