



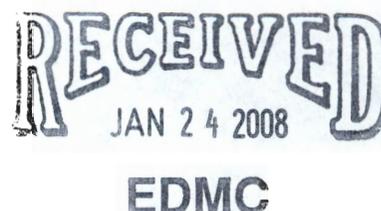
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Re: Preliminary Assessment Screen Work Package Summary

Dear Messrs. Klein and Schepens:

On behalf of the non-Responsible Party (RP) Hanford Natural Resource Trustees this letter transmits our Work Package Summary for a Preliminary Assessment Screen (PAS) in the Hanford Site 100, 200 and 300 Areas. In keeping with statements made at the May 12, 2004 Trustee Council meeting with the US Department of Energy (DOE) that there are funds available to conduct a PAS at this time, we request that the PAS described in the attached Work Package Summary be fully funded by DOE.

This proposal is in response to Ms. Beth Bilson informing the Trustees at the Council meeting that DOE would not commit to providing funds for the draft Project Management Plan, but would immediately assign DOE staff to begin a PAS. The proposal is also in recognition of the inherent conflict-of-interest DOE faces in assessing potential injury to natural resources for which they are liable. We believe an independent PAS is necessary to insure an unbiased process and defensible outcome.

While it is the intent of the non-RP trustees to implement the PAS, we invite you to join us in this important activity. Having US DOE as a partner in this process would have obvious benefits in coordination, data sharing and cost effectiveness.

The Work Package includes work scope for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, scope basis, assumptions and constraints, task dictionary and activity workload estimates. An addendum is included for out-year planning purposes depending on the outcome of the PAS.

The cost of this PAS proposal would be approximately \$3.04 M @ \$140,000/FTE. If DOE chooses to join this process, the costs would be adjusted to reflect these additional costs. An

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appropriate mechanism for transmitting and managing these funds will need to be jointly developed. There is a simple model that has been successfully used by US DOI-FWS at other multi-trustee NRD sites which we could consider.

It is of particular importance that we meet with the appropriate decision makers at the upcoming Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council meeting July 12-13. We look forward to a productive dialogue in July on this very important issue. Please call me or the other Council members if you would like to discuss this proposal in advance.

Sincerely,



Lauri Vigue  
Chair, Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Cc: Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council representatives and legal counsel

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