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August 15, 2012

Matthew McCormick, Manager  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Richland Operations Office  
P.O. Box 550, MS A7-50  
Richland, WA 99352

*Re: Request for NRDA Integration Pilot Project*

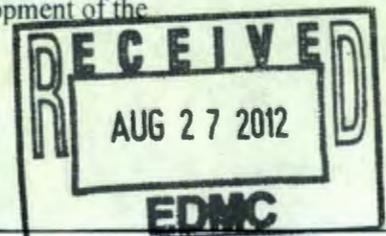
Dear Mr. McCormick:

We are writing in response to the issuance of DOE Policy Order 140.1 regarding cooperation and integration under the natural resource damage assessment process. The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council commends DOE for the development of this policy. Integration of natural resource damages activities with remedial actions has the potential to significantly lower lifecycle costs and improve the outcomes involved with both the final cleanup remedies and the process to restore natural resources that have been harmed due to the release of hazardous contamination at Hanford.

The Trustee Council recognizes it is unlikely that a single approach to CERCLA/NRDA integration will be practical nationwide. The Trustee Council also recognizes the role of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology as regulators and their importance in developing a coherent process for integration. Therefore, the Trustee Council would like to work with DOE to identify a pilot project for which we can jointly go through the process of integrating response and NRDA planning and activities. The 100-K area has been suggested as a site for this initial project, but there are other alternatives; we would like to meet with representatives of DOE to discuss selection of a site for this effort.

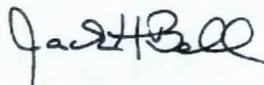
In order to discuss the potential test case and begin to develop a process for integration, the Trustee Council invites you or your designee to attend and participate in the Trustee Council's October 2012 meeting in Richland, WA. Please contact Larry Goldstein, HNRTC Vice-Chairman, to schedule the date and time for the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your effort aimed at increasing integration across remediation and natural resource damage assessment processes and thank you again for development of the



integration policy. We hope this policy will help facilitate the development of a more efficient, cost-effective and more beneficial natural resource damage assessment at Hanford. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jack" and last name "Bell" clearly distinguishable.

Jack Bell, Chairman  
HNRTC

Cc: Dennis Faulk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Jane Hedges, Washington Department of Ecology  
Matthew Duschene, DOE NRDA Coordinator  
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