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Re: Continued Commitment of Operation of the 200-ZP-2 Vapor  
Extraction System

Dear Mr. Holten:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) letters dated January 19, 1995 and February 2, 1995. At this time EPA agrees with DOE's decision not to proceed with an interim action proposed plan for this operable unit, however, EPA does not agree with DOE's position that milestones are not needed for this project. 40256

The vapor extraction system is one of the most successful environmental restoration projects operating at Hanford. Over the past several years significant quantities of carbon tetrachloride have been removed from the soils in the 200 West Area. In addition, the success of the 200-ZP-1 groundwater pump and treat system is also dependent on continued operation of the soil vapor extraction system. It is in this light that EPA requests a milestone be established to assure continued operation of the vapor extraction system.

If DOE is unwilling to agree to establish a milestone for the continued operation of this project as a CERCLA removal action, EPA requests DOE enter into negotiations for submittal of a proposed plan by April 3, 1995.



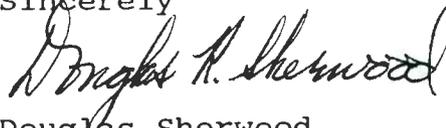
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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Dennis Faulk at (509) 376-8631 or myself at 376-9529.

Sincerely



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Administrative Record, 200-ZP-2 Operable Unit