



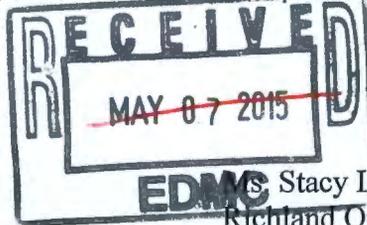
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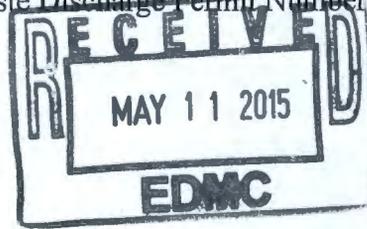
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Re: Response to Mission Support Alliance Letter MSA-1501229A R1, dated April 14, 2015,
"Response to Notice of Violation, Categorical State Waste Discharge Permit Number
ST0004511 (ST 4511 Permit)"



Reference: See page 2

Dear Mr. Johnson and Ms. Charboneau:

United States Department of Energy – Richland Operations Office (USDOE-RL) and Mission Support Alliance (MSA) received a Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Notice of Violation (NOV), dated March 9, 2015, for violations of ST 4511 Permit (Reference).

MSA sent a request, received April 16, 2015, asking Ecology to consider revising the NOV and remove MSA as a named party from the NOV letter. This letter is to inform USDOE-RL and MSA that we will not revise the NOV letter.

Ecology identified permit violations and deficiencies through an inspection it performed on October 21, 2014. Ecology determined at that time that MSA was an operator and responsible for the upset condition.

MSA staff provided the information about the upset and answered the inspector's questions during the site visit. MSA was also responsible for the mitigation of the spill and repair of the broken potable water line. MSA must also provide notification to Ecology on non-compliance with Hanford's State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4511 (i.e. Ecology Environmental Report Tracking System (ERTS) #656370, dated April 24, 2015). Clearly, MSA is a responsible party in this NOV, and Ecology has a responsibility to inform all parties of permit and reporting requirements.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-216-050, "Discharges not subject to permits," specifically WAC 173-216-050 (3), provides Ecology with the ability to hold any discharger accountable for waste discharges. In addition to the ST 4511 Permit, MSA can still be a responsible party under this provision of the State Waste Discharge Permit regulations. I would hope that we all agree that a notification through the Permit is Ecology's preference.

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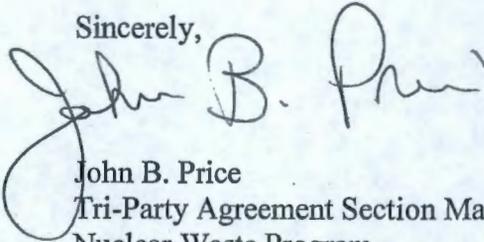


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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at john.price@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7921.

Sincerely,



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Reference: Letter 15-NWP-051, dated March 9, 2015, from K. Conaway, Ecology, to S. L. Dickinson, USDOE, and L. L. Fritz, MSA, "Notice of Violation, United States Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Categorical State Waste Discharge Permit Number ST0004511 (ST 4511 permit)"

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