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Dear Ms. Hedges:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION RECOVERY ACT
(RCRA) FACILITY INVESTIGATION (RFI)

- References:
1. ORP letter from S. J. Olinger to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "Submittal of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestone M-45-55, Phase One Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) Report for Hanford Single-Shell Tank (SST) Waste Management Areas (WMAs)," 08-TPD-003, dated January 30, 2008.
 2. Ecology letter from J. J. Lyon to S. J. Olinger, ORP, "Phase One Resource Conservation and RCRA Facility Investigation Report for Hanford Single-Shell Tank Waste," DOE/ORP-2008-01, Revision 0, dated July 29, 2008.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection (ORP) submitted the Phase One RCRA RFI Report for Hanford Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas (DOE/ORP-2008-01) on January 30, 2008, in accordance with M-45-55 (Reference 1).

DOE received Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) comments on DOE/ORP-2008-01, on July 30, 2008, (Reference 2) and are providing the proposed attached comment resolutions. Staff from our respective agencies and the contractor have met and agreed that comments and responses can be characterized into several categories:

- The comment requested information that will be provided in a future document in compliance with the Phase 2 process described in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Appendix. The comment response identifies the future document(s).
- The comment identified a specific change to the material in DOE/ORP-2008-01. The comment response describes how the text will be changed to address the comment.

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- The comment requests additional information or clarification. The comment response provides the additional information or clarification, or if the additional information is available within the DOE/ORP-2008-01 package, the comment response identifies the location of the information. If appropriate, any change to the text of DOE/ORP-2008-01 is also provided.
- The comment was provided for information or to improve the quality of future documents but does not require a specific response. The comment response notes the comment and the fact that an immediate response is not required.
- In a few cases, the comment is not directly in scope of the RFI itself and the response notes this situation.

As agreed to with your staff, within 60 days of the receipt of Ecology's concurrence with the proposed comment resolutions, DOE/ORP-2008-01 will be updated in the following ways:

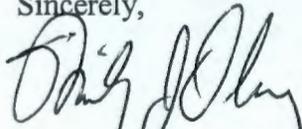
- As noted in attached resolutions, the document will be updated.
- An Appendix will be added to capture Ecology's comments on issues that can be addressed based on ongoing and future characterization efforts as part of Phase 2 as documented in the Corrective Action deliverables consistent within the M-45 Tri-Party Agreement commitments.

The proposed comment resolutions are attached. Please review and provide a concurrence with these resolutions and the course of action noted.

In addition, your letter identified two specific short-term actions regarding maintenance of interim action measures. This request will be addressed separately from the resolution of the DOE/ORP-2008-01 comments.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Stacy Charboneau, Assistant Manager for Tank Farms Project, (509) 373-9112.

Sincerely,



Shirley J. Olinger, Manager
Office of River Protection

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Attachment

cc: See Page 3

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cc w/attachs:

Administrative Record

Environmental Portal, LMSI

J. J. Lyons, Ecology

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