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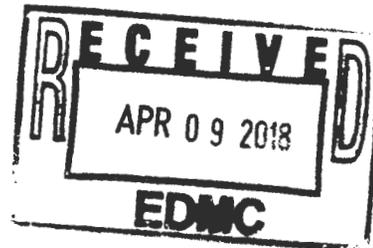
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Dear Messrs. Day and Jansen:

DELIVERY OF "INTEGRATED PLAN-SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF HANFORD SITE WASTES MEASURING GREATER THAN 10MREM/HOUR"

- References: (1) Letter, S. H. Wisness, RL to P. T. Day, EPA, and D. B. Jansen, Ecology, "Delivery of Draft, Integrated Plan-Sampling and Analysis of Hanford Site Waste Measuring Greater Than 10mrem/hour," 92-SEB-008, dated February 18, 1992.
- (2) Letter, D. B. Jansen, Ecology, to S. H. Wisness, RL, "Comments on the Draft Integrated Sampling and Analysis Plan for Samples Measuring > 10mrem/hour." dated March 6, 1992.

The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) interim milestone M-10-05, Issue "Integrated Plan-Sampling and Analysis of Hanford Site Wastes Measuring Greater Than 10mrem/hour" due in March 1992, is hereby satisfied with the delivery of the attached plan. This final version is an update of the plan delivered to you in reference (1), and addresses the comments received in reference (2). The U. S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL) wishes to state its appreciation to your agencies for providing prompt comments to the draft plan. Your comments have been addressed in the plan or will be discussed in follow-on correspondence. Additional updates to this plan are scheduled, as addressed within the contents.

Messrs. Day and Jansen

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I would also draw your attention to Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form M-10-90-2, approved on September 9, 1991. This change form, in providing the genesis for this interim milestone and creating the need for the subject plan, stated in the discussion of Milestone M-10-05:

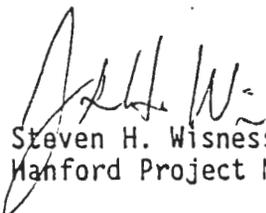
"In this plan the sampling and analysis strategy and redefinition of interim milestones required to satisfy M-10-00 will be accomplished and the projected near-term sampling events identified. This plan will be the basis for a change request to interim milestones M-10-07 through M-10-12 showing how missed cores will be recovered before September 1998."

RL and its contractor agree that changes to the TPA with respect to Waste Tank Characterization are needed. Not only does the change need to address the Single-Shell Tank (SST) "missed cores," but also the impact of the Tank Waste Remediation System "retrieve baseline." Retrieval prior to ultimate disposal may modify the near term need for waste characterization to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protocols. Other alternatives that may impact the SST Waste Characterization Program (e.g., utilization of off-site High-Level Waste (HLW) analytical labs) also need to be considered.

RL is in the process of developing a change package which will be provided to you in the near future which will address these issues and their impacts to the single-shell tank characterization program. We look forward to the spirit of cooperation evidenced by your timely comments on the draft plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. John M. Clark on (509) 376-2246.

Sincerely,


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