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Re: Approval of Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility Cells 3 and 4

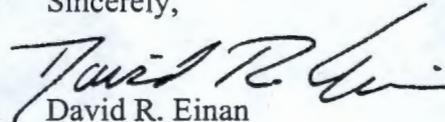
Dear Mr. Robertson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed the review of the Construction Quality Assurance Reports associated with the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF) Cells 3 and 4. These documents were reviewed to assure compliance with the requirements set forth in the design. EPA believes that the construction meets the requirements and EPA approves the additional cells for operation.

EPA also approves Revision 2 of "RFS-ERDF-002.6 Leachate and Washwater Management Plan." The changes made to this plan section of the ERDF Operations Plan include the use of a cross-site pipeline to transfer the delisted ERDF leachate to the treatment facility. EPA is also approving this use of the pipeline. 52105

The ERDF project staff of DOE-RL, Bechtel Hanford, and subcontractor personnel deserve a special thanks for completing the expansion of ERDF quickly, professionally, and above all, safely. The expansion was very well done.

Sincerely,

  
David R. Einan  
ERDF Project Manger

cc: Beth Bilson, DOE-RL  
Vern Dronen, BHI