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Ms. Alexandra K. Smith, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Smith:

RESPONSE WITH PATH FORWARD TO WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO DANGEROUS WASTE COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS ON AUGUST 8, 2017, AUGUST 23, 2017, AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, AT 400 AREA DANGEROUS WASTE MANGEMENT UNITS, RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT SITE ID: WA7890008967, NUCLEAR WASTE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE INDEX NUMBERS 17.598 AND 18.652

This is responding to the January 10, 2020, 20-NWP-007 letter regarding the compliance inspections of the 400 Area Dangerous Waste Management Units performed on August 8, 2017, August 23, 2017, and September 27, 2018. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter 20-NWP-007, was officially received on January 14, 2020.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company declare Option 1, identified in letter 20-NWP-007, as the path forward to return to compliance for alleged area of non-compliance six cited by Ecology in Compliance Inspection Report Index 17.598. Option 1 reads as follows:

1. Within 90 days of response to this letter, have the waste containers stored in the Interim Storage Area inventoried and designated including identification of any Underlying Hazardous Constituents. Verify the waste meets the permit acceptance criteria and place the new inventory and designation records into the facility operating record. If waste does not meet the acceptance criteria, send the waste to a permitted treatment, storage and disposal facility that will accept this waste.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Brian J. Stickney, Assistant Manager for Safety and Environment, RL, on (509) 376-9079.

Sincerely,


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Administrative Record (TSD: S-4-2, (Hardcopy)
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Environmental Portal, G3-35
HF Operating Record (J. K. Perry, MSA A3-01)