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DEEP VADOSE ZONE TREATABILITY TEST PLAN FOR THE HANFORD CENTRAL PLATEAU, DOE/RL-2007-56, REVISION 0

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the Deep Vadose Zone Treatability Test Plan for the Hanford Central Plateau, DOE/RL-2007-56, Revision 0 for your information. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) received comments on Draft A from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) in a joint letter dated January 22, 2008. Revision 0 of the Test Plan reflects changes requested by EPA and Ecology as well as comments received from the Tribes, State of Oregon, and stakeholders.

Primary changes from Draft A to Revision 0 of the Test Plan are the inclusion of two detailed treatability test plans for Technetium 99 and Uranium and the modification of the schedule to include the detailed testing. Additional clarification is provided on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act context and rationale for the Technetium 99 and Uranium treatability tests and locations. Draft Tri-Party Agreement Milestone Change Control Forms M-15-08-03, "Addition of Interim Milestone M-015-52 for Deep Vadose Zone Work Plan," and M-15-08-04, "Addition of Interim Milestones M-015-53, 54, and 55 to Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order to support the decision process to select a final remedy," are also included for your review and comment. These change control forms include milestones for treatability testing and establishing deep vadose zone operable unit(s).

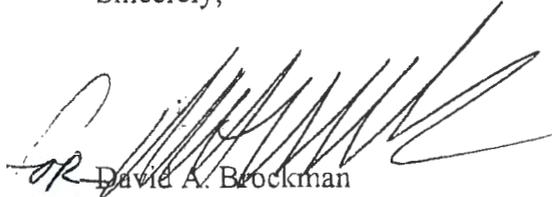
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If there are any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,



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M-015-52	SUBMIT RI/FS WORK PLAN FOR DEEP VADOSE ZONE INCLUDING A TPA MILESTONE CHANGE PACKAGE FOR AN FS/PP SUBMITTAL DATE.	12/31/2012
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M-015-53	MOBILIZE OPERATIONS FOR FIELD TEST ACTIVITIES FOR DESICCATION FIELD TESTING AT 200-BC-1. (BC CRIBS) FOR TC-99 REMOVAL.	12/30/2009
M-015-54	SUBMIT STATUS REPORT ON DESICCATION FIELD TESTING AT 200-BC-1 FOR TC-99 REMOVAL. THE RESULTS WILL BE USED IN THE 200-BC-1 FEASIBILITY STUDY.	12/30/2010
M-015-55	SUBMIT URANIUM TEST STATUS REPORT THAT WILL SUPPORT FUTURE DECISION MAKING.	12/30/2011