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Dear Mr. Wilson:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE TANKS/LINES/PITS/BOXES/SEPTIC TANK AND DRAIN FIELD WASTE GROUP OPERABLE UNITS REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY WORK PLAN AND RCRA TSD UNIT SAMPLING PLAN, DOE/RL-2002-14, REVISION 0

The subject report is attached for your review and approval. This document was revised to incorporate the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency comments submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy on the Draft A document. The disposition of those comments is included as Attachment 2 to this letter.

In accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, Section 9.0, "Documentation and Records," a 30-day regulatory review of this report is scheduled from May 9, 2003 to June 9, 2003. If there are any questions, please contact Bryan Foley, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-7087 or Ellen Mattlin, Regulatory Compliance and Analysis Division, on (509) 376-2385.

Sincerely,

Joel Hebdon, Director  
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Attachments

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**Responses to Ecology Comments Received on the Tanks/Lines/Pits/Boxes/Septic Tank and Drain Field Waste Group Operable Units RI/FS Work Plan and RCRA TSD Unit Sampling Plan Includes: 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 Operable Units**

The following comments were received from Washington State Department of Ecology in a letter to Mr. B. Foley, U.S. Department of Energy, from Mr. J. B. Price, Ecology, dated February 7, 2003. Responses are included for each comment.

Please revise and resubmit Draft A of the 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 Work Plan, after incorporating the following key comments:

- Re-edit the work plan to address some of the editing concerns raised in the previous reviews.

*Response: Comment accepted. The document has undergone a formal technical editing. The document is, however, being issued as a Revision 0.*

- Revise the write-up of ecological data and re-consider the ecological data needs.

*Response: Comment accepted. Draft B of the Central Plateau Ecological Evaluation Report had been incorporated by reference. Additional information on the ecology was included. Sampling for ecological data was deferred to the data quality objectives process planned for this fiscal year. Additionally, the description of the ecological risk assessment process was expanded. Changes were mainly associated with Chapters 3.0 and 5.0, with some minor edits in other chapters.*

- Incorporate the “risk framework” included in the Tri-Party response to Hanford Advisory Board advice #132.

*Response: Comment accepted. The seven elements of the response were included in the text, along with a more detailed discussion of the application of the response to the HAB advise for the future risk assessment efforts for these operable units. Changes were mainly associated with Chapter 5.0, with some minor edits in other chapters.*