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Ms. Linda McClain  
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Dear Ms. McClain:

Re: Lead Regulatory Agency for 200 Area Canyons and 100/300/400/600 Area Facilities

This letter transmits an agreement between the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for clarifying the Lead Regulatory Agency (LRA) for facilities on the Hanford Site once in the EM-40 Program, Environmental Restoration, of the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE). Amendment Six of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, also known as the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA), under Article XXIV and Section 5.6, discusses the framework regarding LRA for operable units, treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) groups/units, or milestones. It does not address facilities. In general, Ecology is the LRA for all TSD's, and will conduct inspections as necessary.

Facilities in the EM-60 Program, Facility Transition, are Ecology lead facilities, irrespective of location in operable units. Upon successful transition to the EM-40 Program, the LRA for the facilities will be as follows:

Ecology will be the LRA for the following facilities:

1. 200 Area: B Plant, PUREX, T Plant, and any other facility in Ecology Lead Operable Units identified in Appendix C.
2. 100 Area: D Reactor, DR Reactor, H Reactor, N Reactor, and any other facility in Ecology Lead Operable Units identified in Appendix C.
3. 300 Area: All facilities
4. 400 Area: All facilities

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5. 600 Area: All facilities

EPA will be the LRA for the following facilities:

1. 200 Area: PFP (Z Plant), REDOX (S Plant), and any other facility in EPA Lead Operable Units identified in Appendix C.
2. 100 Area: B Reactor, BC Reactor, KE Reactor, KW Reactor, F Reactor, and any other facility in EPA Lead Operable Units identified in Appendix C.

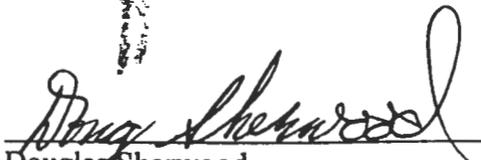
Dual Regulatory Agency for the following facility:

1. 200 Area: U Plant (Due to the canyon initiative)

As USDOE proceeds with Surveillance and Maintenance, Decommissioning & Decontamination, and demolition, identification of the appropriate LRA will ensure clear communication for regulatory reviews and approvals. This is consistent in keeping with the commitments from all parties in implementing the single regulatory concept.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact EPA at (509) 376-9529 or Ecology at (360) 407-7150.

Sincerely,

  
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