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EXTENSION REQUEST FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF UPDATED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) WORK PLAN FOR THE 200-TW-1 AND 200-TW-2 OPERABLE UNITS (OUs) AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH RI FIELD ACTIVITIES FOR THESE OUs

This request for an extension for the submittal of the aforementioned document is being made in accordance with the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Action Plan, Section 9.2.1; Document Review and Comment Process, Primary Documents.

Regulator comments on this document were received on December 5, 2000. Another set of comments was received from the regulators concerning ecological assessment issues for the 200 Areas (via comments on the 200-CW-1 RI Report) on December 19, 2000. The ecological assessment issues were discussed with the regulators on January 31, 2001, and actions taken following that discussion have identified work to be performed that will impact the 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 FS schedule. This revised schedule is being incorporated into the document, and into Tri-Party Agreement Change Requests, to accompany the updated work plan. With internal reviews, the updated document and Tri-Party Agreement Change Requests will be submitted to both lead regulatory agencies by March 30, 2001. This submittal date exceeds the 60-day period required by the Tri-Party Agreement in the above-mentioned section. Please provide your approval of this extension by signing the attached approval block.

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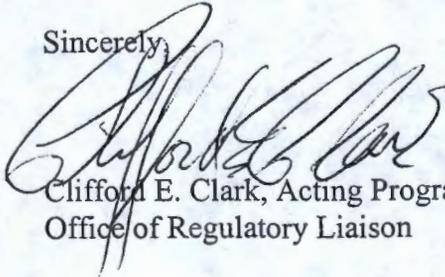
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Field activities for these operable units are scheduled to begin in early April. Because the work plan will not be submitted to the regulatory agencies until the end of March, and may not be approved in time to support field work, approval to proceed with field activities is requested in the absence of the approved work plan. This would also necessitate approval of the waste control plans and air monitoring plans for the 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 OUs to support field work. Please provide your approval to proceed with field activities by signing the approval block below. The waste control plans and air monitoring plans will be submitted separately for your approval.

If you have further questions regarding any of the above, please contact Bryan Foley at (509) 376-7087.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Admin Record, H6-08 (200-TW-1 & 200-TW-2)

The extension requested for the submittal of the 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 RI/FS Work Plan is hereby approved. The updated document shall be submitted for the lead agencies' review no later than March 30, 2001.

Douglas R. Sherwood
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

John Price
State of Washington Department of Ecology

The approval to proceed with field activities associated with the remedial investigation of the 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 Operable Units prior to approval of the work plan is hereby granted.

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