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Dear Mr. Harris:

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY WORK PLAN FOR THE 200-BP-5
GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT, DOE/RL-2007-18, REVISION DRAFT A, REISSUE

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the October 11, 2007, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) comments regarding the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Work Plan for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit, DOE/RL-2007-18, Draft A, Reissue. This information has been and will continue to be discussed in the monthly meetings between the Tribes, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), as well as in other forums. Just recently, during the October 17, 2007, meeting there was a detailed discussion on the characterization work for 200-BP-5.

We look forward to a continuing and constructive dialogue with the Tribes on these important groundwater issues. DOE is committed to addressing the existing and emerging groundwater plumes within 200-BP-5 and across the Hanford Site. Significant additional characterization will be conducted over the next several years and interim actions will be implemented as appropriate. The continued technical dialogue with the Tribes is an important element of this effort.

With regard to your inquiry on CTUIR Native American Subsistence Scenario (NASS), RL will include a stand alone quantitative analysis of the CTUIR NASS in remedial investigation/ feasibility study documents. The CTUIR NASS will be analyzed as part of the comparative analysis of remedial alternatives with respect to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency balancing criteria under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The NASS will be analyzed as provided by the CTUIR and does not represent DOE agreement or endorsement of the scenario or underlying assumptions.

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If you have 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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