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Re: Riverland Expedited Response Action Proposal Comments
Response

Dear Mr. Penberthy:

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the Riverland Expedited Response Action (ERA) proposal.

Your comments indicate that you do not support taking action at this site. A limited sampling program was initiated to determine if any contaminants were present in the various waste units located in the 100-IU-1 Operable Unit. As indicated in the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA), contaminants above regulatory concern were found at two waste sites in the operable unit and therefore require clean up.

It should be noted the sampling program was developed to only determine the nature of the contamination and not the extent. Instead the three parties have agreed to use the observational approach (i.e., characterize as you go) to determine the extent of contamination. This is particularly important for the drain field from the riverland rail wash pit.

The other alternative the three agencies are faced with is to determine the extent of contamination by performing an intensive sampling program. Past history has shown that removal of the waste is the more economical solution.

Therefore, to be consistent with the objective of the ERA to allow for a land release, the EPA and Ecology are supporting the DOE's alternative detailed in the EE/CA excluding the landlord cleanup.

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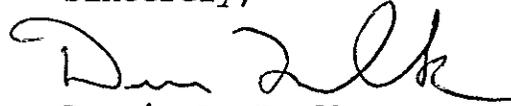
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If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 376-8631.

Sincerely,



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**Re: Comment on Riverland Rail Wash
Expedited Response Action**

Greetings:

Since the site was demolished and cleaned up in 1963, this site poses no threat to public health or safety. A little stain of diesel oil is of no consequence.

The pesticide concentration is Below Regulatory Concern. This is not farm land.

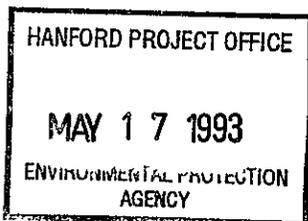
Overall is the consideration that there is no public access to the site. It is not a picnic ground.

There is no justification for any further action at all at taxpayers expense. Don't do anything more to this site.

Yours truly,



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