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Dear Ms. Blazek:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to receive your comments on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan for the 200-UP-1 Groundwater Operable Unit, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington (Work Plan). Your comments and questions are addressed in this letter.

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As you are aware, the recent Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) incorporated many aspects of the groundwater remediation (e.g., pilot-scale pump and treat for uranium and technetium, as well as lab and bench studies for the nitrate removal of the IRM plumes in the 200 UP-1 groundwater operable unit, etc.) in order to accelerate the groundwater remediation at Hanford. The initial copy of the 200-UP-1 Work Plan did not cover many aspects of the new TPA agreements. The results of the recent TPA negotiations related to the 200-UP-1 operable unit were finally incorporated in the Work Plan. As you know, some of the related groundwater issues are still being discussed by the three-parties, stake holders, the Hanford Advisory Board, and the public, under the "refocussing of the environmental restoration program" and "groundwater strategy planning." Any future changes to the work plan that might arise as a result of these discussions, will be made accordingly.

Ecology supports your recommendation on starting immediate remedial action on the uranium, technetium, and nitrate plumes. As noted above, one of the main TPA negotiations was to start the pilot-scale remedial action in the 200-UP-1 for uranium, technetium, and nitrate by March 31, 1994. Accordingly, the pilot-scale pump and treat has already been initiated. Also, the slug tests for the determination of aquifer properties will be carried out within the area of interest; this will allow for site specific data to be obtained. Every effort has been made to accelerate the remediation in the work plan.

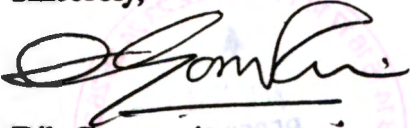
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Ecology appreciates your valuable input on the 200-UP-1 Work Plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (509) 736-3015.

Sincerely,

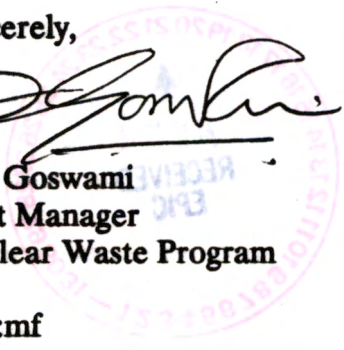


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