



U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Site

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10



July 14, 2021

21-SGD-002140

The Honorable Delano Saluskin
Tribal Council Chairman of the Yakama Nation
P.O. Box 151, Fort Road
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Dear Chairman Saluskin:

OFFER FOR CONSULTATION ON MODIFICATION TO THE HANFORD 100-K AREA GROUNDWATER CLEANUP DECISION

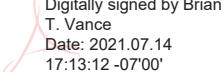
The U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are offering consultation with the Yakama Nation on a modification to the cleanup decision for the groundwater in the 100-K Area of the Hanford Site. This decision will be made in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

Groundwater cleanup at the 100-K Area is currently being performed using pump-and-treat systems in accordance with an interim Record of Decision. DOE and the EPA are proposing to modify this decision with an Explanation of Significant Differences. The ESD will allow soil flushing at one location, which uses clean water to drive contamination in the deep soil to the groundwater where it will be captured by the existing pump and treat system. The ESD also updates the overall cost estimate of this groundwater remedy to \$241 million. DOE and the EPA met with your technical staff on May 4, 2021, to discuss this ESD, which is anticipated to be issued by the end of September 2021.

Offer for Formal Consultation

If the Yakama Nation would like to schedule consultation regarding this cleanup decision, we respectfully request that your staff contact Karen Lutz, DOE Site Stewardship Division Director, at (509) 376-4766, or Roberto Armijo, EPA Project Manager, at (509) 376-3749.

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