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Dear Mr. Niles:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON DRAFT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE 200-TW-1 SCAVENGED WASTE GROUP, 200-TW-2 TANK WASTE GROUP, AND 200-PW-5 FISSION PRODUCT RICH WASTE GROUP OPERABLE UNITS

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) thanks the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) for its comments on the subject documents.

As a result of the regulatory review of Draft A of the subject documents, RL has accepted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommendation to prepare a focused feasibility study (FFS) on the BC Cribs and Trenches Area waste sites. This focused document is planned to be submitted by August 31, 2004. Following issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD) for the BC Cribs and Trenches Area waste sites, the feasibility study (FS) representing the remainder of the 200-TW-1/2 and 200-PW-5 waste sites will be submitted by January 31, 2006. This latter document will incorporate comments and refinements made to the FFS and elements of the BC Cribs and Trenches Area ROD, as appropriate. Similarly, the comments from ODOE will be addressed in both the FFS for the BC Cribs and Trenches Area waste sites and the FS for the remainder of the sites. RL remains committed to ensuring satisfactory resolution of your comments prior to the January 2006 revision of the remaining sites FS.

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If you have questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971, or Joel Hebdon, Director, Office of Environmental Services, on (509) 376-6657.

Sincerely,

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