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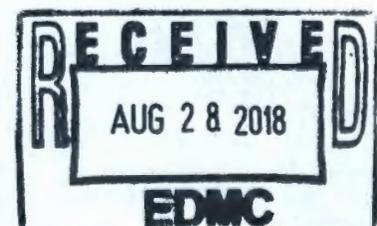
Dear Ms. Smith:

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 COMPLIANCE BUDGET SUBMITTAL FOR
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) RICHLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE (RL)

Reference is made to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) letter, "Re: Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Compliance Budget Submittal for United States Department of Energy Richland Operations Office," dated July 19, 2018 (18-NWP-121).

Ecology proposed that RL request additional funding to expedite placement of the cesium and strontium capsules at the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF) into dry storage. DOE has provided a formal appeal to Congress - the available step at this point in the appropriations process - to allocate \$10 million from the Central Plateau Remediation control point to 18-D-404: WESF Modifications and Capsule Storage, increasing FY 2019 funding from \$1 million to \$11 million to ensure the project stays on schedule, and to provide continuity of operations in FY 2020 due to potential funding delays, as was experienced in FY 2018 with the Continuing Resolution.

In regard to your request to change the proposed 2025 Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) milestone date to 2021, or as soon as technically feasible, RL's position is that the proposed 2025 date is appropriately aggressive, risk informed, and commensurate with the technical approach for transferring the capsules to dry storage. The project is working to complete a baseline schedule that will be available late 2019. Risks to the schedule will be fully analyzed and compensated for through the project management process, and will continue to be part of the overall and ongoing evaluation of risk at the Hanford Site.



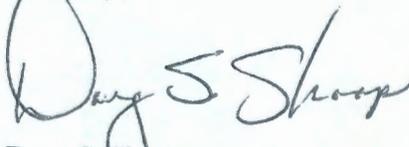
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Bill Hamel, Assistant Manager for the River and Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug S. Shoop". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Doug S. Shoop
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