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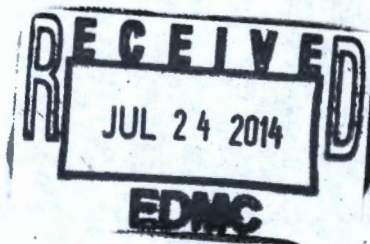
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Ms. Amy Legare
National Remedy Review Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460



Re: Request for Exemption from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) review of the Proposed Plan for the Hanford 100-D/H Operable Units

Dear Ms. Legare:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) supports the request for exemption from the USEPA NRRB review of the Hanford 100-D/H Operable Units. Ecology agrees with staff at the USEPA Hanford Project office that an NRRB review of the proposed plan for the Hanford 100-D/H Operable Units is not necessary. Because of similarities with the Hanford 100-K Operable Units, a new review of 100-D/H may result in similar advice as provided by the Board on June 26, 2012 for 100-K.

I apologize for any confusion regarding Ecology's support of the exemption request. As the lead regulator for the 100-D/H operable units through the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (HFFACO), Ecology drafted the request for exemption and the USEPA Hanford Project office submitted it on our behalf.

A letter of support was not drafted at that time because it seemed redundant after having drafted the exemption request. Occasionally, the division of regulator responsibilities contained within our HFFACO leads to misunderstandings such as this one. Ecology fully supports all statements in the exemption request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at kim.welsch@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7882.

Sincerely,

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