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April 23, 2013

Mr. Silas Whitman, Chairman
 Tribal Executive Committee
 P.O. Box 305
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Re: Response to Letter dated March 28, 2013, "DRAFT Proposed Plan for Remediation for the 100-FR-1, 100-FR-2, 100-FR-3, 100-IU-2, and 100-IU-6 Operable Units; DOE/RL-2012-41, Draft A

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Dear Mr. Whitman,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to thank the Nez Perce Tribe for their comments on the 100-F and IU-2/6 Proposed Plan (Draft A). The EPA provided comments to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the 100-F/IU Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and Proposed Plan (PP) on March 4, 2013. EPA shares similar concerns with regard to Land Use and Groundwater. Although our comments have already been submitted, we are continually working with DOE to resolve our comments and will consider your comments and concerns as we revise the documents.

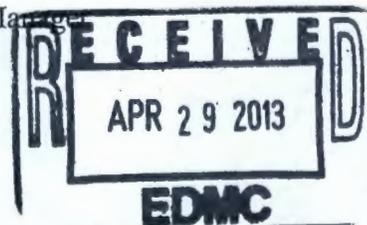
EPA also appreciates the Nez Perce Tribe's support for the Preferred Alternative of Remove, Treat, and Dispose (RTD) for waste sites (Alternative S-2) and Monitored Natural Attenuation with Institutional Controls for groundwater (Alternative GW-2).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Christopher Guzzetti of my staff at (509) 376-9529.

Thank you for your time in reviewing the 100-F and IU-2/6 Proposed Plan (Draft A).

Sincerely,

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