



Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Indian Nation

Established by the
Treaty of June 9, 1855

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December 1, 2000

Jim Nordahl, President
Siemens Power Corp., Inc.
2101 Horn Rapids Road
Richland, WA 99352

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RE: Notice of Intent to Proceed with a Natural Resource Damage Assessment of 1100 Area

Dear Mr. Nordahl:

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, a federally recognized Indian nation under the Treaty of June 9, 1855 (12 Stat. 951), is hereby giving notice to the Siemens Power Corp. of its intent to proceed with a Natural Resources Damage Assessment of specific sites within the Hanford Site's 1100 Area under authority of § 107(f)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Yakama Nation (YN) has reason to believe that Siemens Corp. is a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) under § 107(a) of CERCLA for the release of hazardous substances in the 1100 Area.

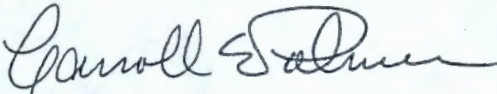
In its role as trustee on the Hanford Natural Resources Trustee Council (HNRTC), YN has completed a Preassessment Screen (PAS) of the 1100 Area under 43 CFR § 11.23-11.25, and has determined that injuries to natural resources have potentially occurred at particular sites therein. Attached is a Preassessment Screen Determination (PAD) that documents YN's conclusion, as required by 43 CFR § 11.23(c). Also attached is corroborating correspondence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expressing its belief that natural resource injury has occurred in the 1100 Area.

The Yakama Nation believes that examination of certain sites within the 1100 Area is necessary to assess the potential injury to natural resources. The most significant sites include the Horseshoe Landfill, where dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) contamination is of great concern, and Horn Rapids Landfill, where there is potential damage from trichloroethene (TCE) contamination in groundwater. A proper Natural Resources Damage Assessment under CERCLA will allow YN as a trustee to ensure that the values of any resources injured at these sites are restored, as well as to provide a model for future assessments and restoration/mitigation plans at the Hanford Site.

The Yakama Nation intends to take every opportunity to work together with the Siemens Corp. to devise prudent, effective and efficient measures to restore natural resource values at the Hanford Site. YN understands that continued efforts at setting appropriate cleanup standards at Hanford will require both cooperation and imagination. We feel that the 1100 Area is an

excellent place to start in providing an example for future cleanup, and we invite you to participate with us in fully evaluating the damage at the waste sites of concern. If you have questions regarding this notice and would like to discuss this matter further, please call me at (509)865-5121 ext. 4655, or Tom Zeilman of the Office of Legal Counsel at (509) 865-7268.

Sincerely,



Carroll Palmer
Deputy Director
Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources

Attachments: Preassessment Screen Determination
Letter, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

cc: YN Radioactive/Hazardous Waste Committee
Russell Jim, YN ER/WM
Tom Zeilman, YN Office of Legal Counsel
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Tom O'Brien, Hanford NRTC
Doug Sherwood, U.S. EPA
Tom Fitzsimmons, Washington State Dept. of Ecology
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Ted Clausing, WDFW
Preston Sleeper, U. S. Dept. of the Interior
Joe Richards, CTUIR
Patrick Sobotta, Nez Perce Tribe
John Savage, Oregon Dept. of Energy
Todd Martin, Hanford Advisory Board