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Re: Review of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Workplan for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit, DOE/RL-2007-18, Revision 0

Dear Mr. Brockman:

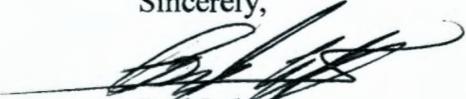
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the *Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit* (DOE/RL-2007-18, Revision 0). We are unable to approve the document at this time. The BP-5 DQO (WMP-28945) also needs to be revised because it is referenced throughout the Workplan and in responses to our comments. The Workplan relies heavily on the DQO document, and they both need to be updated in order to have an adequate Workplan. The documents do not present information in a manner that lets the reader follow the reasoning or rationale for well placement or construction. One has difficulty finding the groundwater sampling data to support the proposed well location, depth, etc. The Workplan itself needs a few changes, such as adding information or correcting several figures and the accompanying descriptions, while the DQO needs considerably more work.

We met with Doug Hildebrand of your staff at the end of April to discuss changes needed to the document.

I believe we agree with the changes identified during our earlier meeting. It is our expectation that the documents be updated expeditiously as they have been outstanding for some time.

If you have questions, contact me at (509) 376-3749.

Sincerely,


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Project Manager

cc: John Price, Ecology
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