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19-NWP-031

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Re: Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Approval of the *Sampling and Analysis Plan for WMA A-AX Focus Area 1 (Tanks 241 A-104 and 241 A-105) (SAP)*, RPP-PLAN 62041

Reference: See page 2

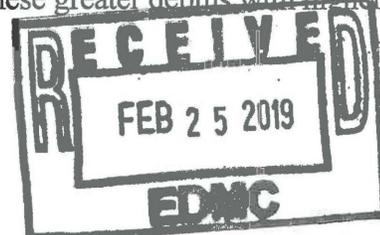
Dear Jan Bovier:

Ecology received and approved the above referenced SAP document. Our comments were discussed at the August 23, 2018, Single-Shell Tank Information and Planning Meeting. We are pleased with the implementation of our comments.

As you stated in letter 18-TPD-0011 (Reference), the SAP will ultimately become part of the Waste Management Area (WMA) A-AX *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976* Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Work Plan (RFI/CMS Work Plan), which is a primary document per the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO)* "Action Plan." Ecology will formally approve the SAP when Ecology approves the RFI/CMS Work Plan.

The United States Department of Energy – Office of River Protection (USDOE-ORP) intends to implement sampling at A/AX in a phased manner, for successive "Focus Areas." Ecology concurs with the limited scope of this SAP for Focus Area 1, while retaining our HFFACO authority to require additional sampling when we approve the RFI/CMS Work Plan.

If additional sampling is required, USDOE-ORP will include a comprehensive SAP that includes all focus areas. For Focus Area 1 the notes from The Sample Depth Meeting on November 7, 2018, fully describe the issues, resulting discussion, and resolution. Ecology supports the decision to use new tubing. We understand that pushing to these greater depths with higher soil temperatures may cause pipe fractures.

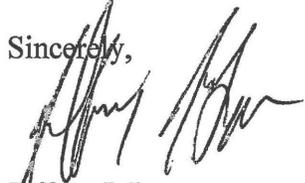


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If you have any questions, please contact me at jeff.lyon@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7914.

Sincerely,



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Reference: Letter 18-TPD-0011, dated June 19, 2018, "The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection Transmittal of RPP-PLAN-62041, Sampling and Analysis Plan for WMA A-AX Focus Area 1 (Tanks 241-A-104 and 241-A-105), Rev. 0"

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