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Steven H. Wisness  
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Re: Response to Ecology and EPA letters

Dear Mr. Wisness:

On June 23 and 24, 1992, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), respectively, sent letters (addressed to Julie Erickson) to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). These letters regarded the regulators' objections to DOE's recent unilateral decision to forego future 100 Area springs/seeps sampling. Without this additional data, both Ecology and EPA must assume that contaminant levels in the springs/seeps is the same as in nearby groundwater. This position has considerable effect on river impact evaluations with repercussions on cleanup decisions since we are forced to a more conservative assumption. Because of the importance of this issue, and the short time-frame in which to coordinate any autumn sampling (should DOE not wish to use groundwater data as a surrogate for spring/seep data) EPA requested a response to the letter by July 1. Neither Ecology or EPA have received a response to their letter.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience with an explanation of why these letters have gone unanswered. If you have questions, please contact me at (509) 376-6623 or Larry Gadbois at (509) 376-9884.

Sincerely,

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