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Re: Response to Nez Perce Comments on the Proposed Plan for 100-IU-1, IU-3, IU-4, and IU-5 Operable Unit

Dear Ms. Powaukee:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received a copy of your letter dated August 8th, 1995 to Mr. Gary Freedman of the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding comments on the Proposed Plan for the 100-IU-1, IU-3, IU-4, and IU-5 Operable Units. The EPA has regulatory oversight on the 100-IU-1 and 100-IU-5 Operable Units and are responding to your comments on these units.

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In your letter the Nez Perce Tribe concurs with no further action at the 100-IU-5 Operable Unit. However, in the 100-IU-1 Operable Unit the Nez Perce recommend adding one additional well to assess whether contamination was released to the groundwater from the maintenance facility.

The EPA contacted Mr. Paul Danielson of your staff to discuss this comment. It was noted that the Nez Perce had not received the Action Assessment Report for the Riverland Expedited Response Action (100-IU-1 Operable Unit). This report details how the clean up was preformed and established the basis for the recommendation of no further action. The EPA has forwarded a copy of this report to Mr. Danielson for his information.

As described in the Action Assessment, the Riverland Railroad Maintenance Shop foundation and soil were removed. Analytical samples from both the drain area and the pit hoist indicated no contaminants above detectable limits. As a result, the Tri-Party Agencies recommend no further action at this facility based on the fact that the soil below the facility indicates no contamination. The EPA does not believe placing another well at the 100-IU-1 Operable Unit is necessary based on existing information.

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If you or your staff have any questions or would like to discuss the 100-IU-1 Operable Unit further feel free to contact me at (509) 376-8631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Faulk".

Dennis Faulk
Operable Unit Manager

cc: Gary Freedman, Ecology
Glenn Goldberg, DOE
Administrative Record 100-IU-1