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Dear Ms. Hedges:

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY PROPOSED PRIORITIES ON
THE 200-CS-1 AND 200-UW-1 OPERABLE UNITS WORKSCOPE FOR FEDERAL
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009 BUDGET

This purpose of this letter is to respond to the State of Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) June 13, 2008, request for a schedule on the 200-UW-1 Operable Unit work and stated priorities for the 200-CS-1 and 200-UW-1 Operable Units workscope for FY 2009. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) task lead for 200-UW-1 Operable Unit workscope provided the RL work schedule to John Price of your staff, via electronic mail on July 16, 2008.

Regarding the FY 2009 priorities relative to the 200-CS-1 Operable Unit workscope, we are considering options associated with documenting the cleanup decision including developing a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Action Memorandum followed by a CERCLA Record of Decision. The revision of feasibility study and proposed plan as well as the updates to the 216-A-29 Ditch, 216-S-10 Pond and Ditch, and 216-B-63 trench hazardous waste management closure plans will be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

With regard to the priority on the 200-UW-1 Operable Unit Record of Decision and revised proposed plan as well as across the Groundwater Remediation Project, RL is considering Ecology's expressed priorities along with input from the Tribes, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Oregon, and the Hanford Advisory Board as we continue to develop the FY 2009 project workscope.

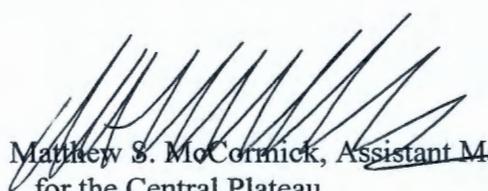
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 373-6137.

Sincerely,


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