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16-NWP-141

Mr. Ray Corey
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Re: *200-SW-2 Radioactive Landfills Group Operable Unit RCRA Facility Investigation/ Corrective Measures Study/Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Work Plan*, DOE/RL-2004-60, Revision 1

Dear Mr. Corey:

On June 30, 2016, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) notified the United States Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office (USDOE-RL) (reference 1) about two preferred changes to the submitted *200-SW-2 Radioactive Landfills Group Operable Unit RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study/Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan*, DOE/RL-2004-60, Revision 1 (Work Plan). Ecology would have considered the Work Plan complete after these changes had been incorporated.

Agreement has been reached at the Project Manager level between Ecology and USDOE-RL on the issue of how to calculate the Exposure Point Concentration (EPC). This was documented in letter 16-NWP-130 (reference 2).

This letter acknowledges that an agreement has now also been reached on the disputed issue of Point of Compliance. The following language was agreed on to replace the language in the Work Plan:

- "FSs will present alternatives that will evaluate compliance with human health (direct contact) and ecological PRGs at the standard point of compliance of 4.6 m (15 ft). DOE may also choose to present alternatives in the first Inner Area FS to evaluate a conditional point of compliance for the terrestrial ecological evaluation. In addition, DOE may also choose to evaluate an alternative point of compliance for soil cleanup actions (human health (direct contact)) according to the procedures in WAC 173-340-740(6)(f).

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– A framework for decisions will be developed in the first FS, but all OUs will need to justify the decisions. All OUs in the central plateau are expected to present this comparison of alternatives to ensure all potential remedies are protective of human health and the environment."

This terminates the dispute as agreement has been reached on both the disputed issues.

If there are any questions, you may contact me at elis.eberlein@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7906.

Sincerely,

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References:

1. Letter 16-NWP-116, dated June 30, 2016, from P.E. Eberlein, Ecology, to R.J. Corey, USDOE-RL, "Re: *200-SW-2 Radioactive Landfills Group Operable Unit RCRA Facility Investigation/ Corrective Measures Study/Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Work Plan*, DOE/RL-2004-60, Revision 1" 1239247
2. Letter 16-NWP-130, dated July 27, 2016, from P.E. Eberlein, Ecology, to R.J. Corey, USDOE-RL, "Re: *200-SW-2 Radioactive Landfills Group Operable Unit RCRA Facility Investigation/ Corrective Measures Study/Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Work Plan*, DOE/RL-2004-60, Revision 1" 1239609

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