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RE: GIS Data Request

Dear Ms. Ballinger;

Yakama Nation Environmental Restoration/Waste Management (YN ER/WM) Program appreciates your efforts in seeking the waste site and plume GIS data for 100-K area. We understand this request has become more complicated than originally thought.

Currently our Co-operative Agreement does not allow for the additional expenditure for the GIS data request. As the budgets for all have been set for fiscal year 2012 YN ER/WM realizes finding funding for the data request may be difficult, however as discussed, the data is needed to provide information to YN Tribal Council. As was evident at the January 27th meeting on contaminated cultural material, the Radioactive Hazardous Waste Committee had many questions that need to be answered. The YN ER/WM staff currently does not have the tools in which to provide answers, which is currently holding up project work.

YN ER/WM requests an alternate funding source be made available to accommodate this GIS data request, as well as, future data requests. We are looking forward to resolving this issue in a timely manner. If you have any questions please contact YN ER/WM cultural staff, Dana Miller or Rose Ferri at 509-452-2502.

Sincerely,

Russell Jim
ER/WM, Program Manager

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