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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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The Honorable N. Kathryn Brigham
Board of Trustees Chair
Confederated Tribes of the
Umatilla Indian Reservation
46411 Timine Way
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Dear Chairman Brigham:

OFFER FOR CONSULTATION ON UPCOMING 200-BP-5 AND 200-PO-1 INTERIM CLEANUP DECISION

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are offering consultation to the tribal nations on an interim cleanup decision for the contaminated groundwater in the 200-BP-5 and 200-PO-1 Operable Units in the 200 East Area located on the Hanford Site. This decision will be made in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

Pump-and-treat for two mobile groundwater contaminant plumes is the preferred remedy, which will be documented in an Interim Record of Decision, expected to be issued by the end of June 2021. This decision would continue and expand an existing pump-and-treat response to restrict contaminant migration. A future final remedial decision will be made for the groundwater operable units after additional characterization of overlying source areas is complete.

Background on the 200-BP-5 and 200-PO-1 Interim Cleanup Decision

- DOE provided Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and EPA the 200-BP-5 and 200-PO-1 Groundwater Operable Units Feasibility Study for Interim Action, DOE/RL-2018-30, Revision 0, on December 18, 2019. The tribes were provided with the feasibility study, concurrently.

- DOE and EPA made a presentation on this cleanup decision at the Tribal Affairs Quarterly meeting on March 18, 2020.

- The Proposed Plan for Interim Action Remediation of the 200-BP-5 and 200-PO-1 Operable Units, DOE/RL-2018-58, Revision 0, was provided to the tribes on April 1, 2020.

Offer for Formal Consultation

If you would like to schedule consultation on this anticipated cleanup effort, please contact Greg Phillips, DOE Tribal Affairs Program Manager, on (509) 372-0100, or Craig Cameron, EPA, on (509) 376-8655.

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(200-BP-5, 200-PO-1)
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