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Re: The Department of Ecology (Ecology) Response to Letter 26-TWO-0020, "U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office Submits RPP-RPT-65531, 'Practicability Evaluation Request to Forego a Third Retrieval Technology for Tank AX-101,' Revision 2 to the Washington State Department of Ecology"

References: See page 2

Dear Ricky Bang:

Ecology reviewed the *Practicability Evaluation Request to Forego a Third Retrieval Technology for Tank 241-AX-101*, RPP-RPT-65531, Revision 2. Ecology compared Revision 2 to the Redline of Revision 1 that was previously transmitted via email September 11, 2025 (Reference 1).

Ecology agrees that Revision 2 is consistent with the Redline of Revision 1 and adequately incorporates the agreed upon comments that were captured in the final Review Comment Record Ecology transmitted (Reference 2). Therefore, Ecology approves the document.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Pierce, Permit Lead, at eric.pierce@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 410-5273 or Luissa Johnston, Tank Systems Operation and Closure Coordinator, at luissa.johnston@ecy.wa.gov or 509-975-1285.

Sincerely,

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References:

1. Email with attachment, dated September 11, 2025, from K. Wong to Amie Green, et al., Subject: Re: [External]Ecology's Response to Forego the Third Technology at AX-101

   Attachment: RPP-RPT-65531 Rev. 1 Draft Redline 9-9-2025new.pdf

2. Letter 26-NWP-002, dated January 28, 2026, "Transmittal of the Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Final Review Comment Record (RCR) for the *Practicability Evaluation Request to Forego a Third Retrieval Technology for Tank AX-101*, RPP-RPT-65531, Revision 0 (Practicability Evaluation)"

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