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RE: Request to Extend the Enforceable Milestone for Submitting the Draft V-Tanks Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan, Addendum 3 for Phase 2 for WAG 1, OU 1-10.

Dear Ms. Hain;

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your letter on February 25, 2005, requesting an extension to the enforceable deadline for submittal of the Operable Unit (OU) 1-10 draft V-Tanks Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan, Addendum 3 for Phase 2. In accordance with paragraph 13.2 of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFA/CO), your letter details the "good cause" on which this schedule extension is based. Pursuant to paragraph 13.4 of the FFA/CO, EPA concurs with the "good cause" extension to the WAG 1-10 enforceable deadline to December 31, 2005, with the understanding that all efforts will be made to meet the mid-September 2005 delivery date indicated in the workable schedule which was attached to your letter should this work plan be necessary.

EPA has a separate concern regarding the attached schedule for the submittal of a work plan for the chemical oxidation treatment process should it prove necessary. Specifically, we are concerned that the schedule indicates no formal submittal or review of a work plan for solidification of the waste. Solidification of the waste is an integral part of the treatment of the V-tank waste. It ensures, among other things, that no free liquids will be disposed in the ICDF. Thus, EPA does not agree that the design of the solidification process represents a minor change to the existing work plan. Instead, EPA expects to receive a work plan for the solidification process for a formal review.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Wilkening at 208/378-5760 or myself at 509/376-9529.

Sincerely

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