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Ms. Jane A. Hedges, Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**WORKSHOPS ON THE INTERIM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT ON RESIDUAL TANK  
WASTES IN WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA C**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection (ORP) is planning a series of workshops to develop a tank waste residual interim performance assessment in Waste Management Area C (Hanford Site). The purpose of this performance assessment is to support the waste determination of such residual waste. ORP understands that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), including the Lacey Office staff, will join us in this effort, and thanks you for that involvement. We ask that Ecology provide Chris Kemp, ORP, (509) 373-0649, with the names, email, and telephone numbers of those who will participate with a lead identified. ORP will work with the identified lead to plan workshops, provide advance information, and obtain Ecology's input.

The DOE team lead will be Chris Kemp. Other ORP staff attending includes Stephen Pfaff, Robert Lober, and Mary Beth Burandt. Martin Letourneau, DOE Environmental Management, will also be attending. Washington River Protection Solutions LLC staff in attendance includes Susan Eberlein (Lead), Frederick Mann, Keith Quigley, Jim Field, and Michael Connelly. DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) will support the workshop consistent with its Hanford site integration role with John Morse as the RL lead with support provided by Bruce Ford, Alaa Aly, and Linda Lehman. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 is in the process of identifying potential team members. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) lead will be Mike Fuller and one additional NRC staff member may attend.

The first workshop is planned to kickoff on February 24 - 25, 2009, and it will be hosted by Ecology at its Richland, Washington office. A scoping paper for this first workshop will be sent out by February 10, 2009, via email to each agency workshop lead for distribution. Subsequent workshops will occur approximately every two to three months and be focused on planning details of the performance assessment process. Materials will be sent out to workshop members about a month prior to each workshop to enable participants to be prepared to fully participate in the workshop discussions. Attendance of all the members is requested for the first workshop.

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Teleconference capabilities are planned for subsequent workshops to minimize travel. Meeting minutes and white papers produced during the workshop will be distributed to participating organizations following each workshop for accuracy checks and information.

If you have questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Stacy Charboneau, Assistant Manager for Tank Farms Project, (509) 373-9112.

Sincerely,



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