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**Subject: Progress Report for December 2020, Warden City Water Supply Wells No. 4 and 5. Washington Facility Site ID No. 2802409; Cleanup Site ID: 1618 Agreed Order No. DE 16890**

Dear Chris:

The J.R. Simplot Company (Simplot) entered into an Agreed Order (AO) (No. DE 16890) with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to provide remedial action at 1800 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Warden WA, 98857.

Per the AO, Simplot shall submit to Ecology written monthly progress reports that describe the actions taken during the previous month to implement the requirements of the AO.

The AO requires that the progress reports include the following:

- a. A list of on-site activities that have taken place during the previous quarter;
- b. Detailed description of any deviations from required tasks not otherwise documented in project plans or amendment requests;
- c. Description of all deviations from the scope of work and schedule during the previous quarter and any planned deviations in the upcoming quarter;
- d. For any deviations in schedule, a plan for recovering lost time and maintaining compliance with the schedule;
- e. All raw data (including laboratory analyses) received by Simplot during the past quarter and an identification of the source of the sample; and
- f. A list of deliverables for the upcoming quarter if different from the schedule.

### Activities in December 2020

- Simplot received comments from Ecology on the Engineering Design Report (EDR) and the Compliance Monitoring Plan (CMP) via email on December 8, 2020.
- Simplot submitted a preliminary response to comments to Ecology on December 17, 2020.
- Simplot, HDR, and Ecology held a conference call on December 18, 2020 to discuss comments.
- Simplot and HDR worked on revisions to the EDR, CMP, and initiated development of a Groundwater Monitoring Well Construction and Monitoring Plan.
- Simplot received bids from contractors for field work and continued to work on contractor selection.

### Anticipated Activities for January 2021

- Simplot will work toward re-assessing excavation approach based on Ecology's comments and also discussions with contractor on a feasible approach toward excavation and separation of EDB impacted soils. This will be reflected in the updated EDR.
- Simplot will resubmit the EDR, CMP, and monitoring plan.
- Simplot will continue to make arrangements for site remedial work. Work is tentatively scheduled to start in February 2021.

### Deviations from AO or Schedule

Simplot remains on schedule for remedial field work in winter 2021 (see November's progress report for schedule).

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at (208) 387-7033 or at [mike.murray@hdrinc.com](mailto:mike.murray@hdrinc.com) or Molly Dimick of Simplot at (208) 235-5682 or at [molly.dimick@simplot.com](mailto:molly.dimick@simplot.com)

Very truly yours,  
**HDR Engineering, Inc.**



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