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**Subject: Progress Report for First Quarter 2023, Simplot Grower Solutions, Sunnyside, Washington Facility Site ID No. 76742139; Agreed Order No. DE 16446**

Dear Rachel:

The J.R. Simplot Company (Simplot) entered into an Agreed Order (AO) (No. DE 16446, effective date June 26, 2019) with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to complete a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS), and to prepare a draft cleanup action plan (DCAP) for the Simplot Grower Solutions (formerly named Simplot Soilbuilders) Sunnyside site, located at 300 1st Avenue, Sunnyside, Washington.

Per the AO, Simplot shall submit to Ecology written quarterly progress reports that describe the actions taken during the previous quarter to implement the requirements of the AO. Progress reports shall be submitted by the tenth day of the month in which they are due after the effective date 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 Completed in First Quarter 2023 (Q1 2023)**

The following activities were conducted in Q3 2022:

- HDR/Simplot submitted the Phase 3/Comprehensive Remedial Investigation to Ecology via email on March 16, 2023.

### **Anticipated Activities in Second Quarter 2023 (Q2 2023)**

- Simplot/HDR to address any comments or questions from Ecology on the Phase 3/Comprehensive Remedial Investigation Report.
- Simplot/HDR to initiate Feasibility Study upon final approval of the Phase 3/Comprehensive Remedial Investigation Report.

### **Deviations from AO or Schedule**

Per AO Exhibit B, Scope of Work and Schedule, the Final RI Report is to be delivered to Ecology within 120 days following receipt of laboratory data. The most recent laboratory report was received on September 27, 2022; therefore the due date for the RI was January 25, 2023. The Phase 3 Remedial Investigation report was delivered on March 16, 2023.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (208) 387-7018 or at [tyler.allen@hdrinc.com](mailto:tyler.allen@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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Attachments: Phase 3 Remedial Investigation Laboratory Reports (Appendix C of the Phase 3 Remedial Investigation Report)