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**Subject: Progress Report for September 2023, 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 Christer:

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 month;
- 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 month if different from the schedule.

### Activities in September 2023

- HDR finalized the *Monitoring Well Installation Report* which will summarize well installation, soil sampling, and soil analytical results from well installation activities. The report was delivered to Ecology via email on August 16, 2023. Ecology requested via email that no groundwater sampling be conducted pending review of the *Monitoring Well Installation Report* document; therefore, an August 2023 sampling event was not conducted. Ecology provided comments on the *Monitoring Well Installation Report* in a letter delivered via email on September 15, 2023.
- HDR received formal comments from Ecology on the *Cleanup Action Report* in a letter sent via email on August 16, 2023. HDR/Simplot revised the *Cleanup Action Report* in response to the comments. The revised *Cleanup Action Report* and a comment response letter were delivered to Ecology via email on August 22, 2023 and again on September 12, 2023, due to technical difficulties with the first transmittal.
- HDR revised the *Cleanup Action Implementation Compliance Monitoring Plan* based on a request from Ecology to include a figure depicting the monitoring well network in the plan. The figure was added as an addendum, and the plan was delivered to Ecology via email on September 12, 2023.
- Simplot requested Ecology provide feedback and agreement to a Minor Change request to reduce Progress Report submittal frequency from monthly reporting to quarterly, as the currently prescribed primary future actions related to the Agreed Order 16890 include semi-annual groundwater monitoring and reporting.

### Anticipated Activities for October 2023

- Simplot/HDR will submit the revised *Monitoring Well Installation Report* to Ecology by October 13, 2023.
- Simplot, HDR, and Ecology met in a virtual meeting on October 6, 2023. Meeting notes will be compiled and shared with Ecology in October 2023. Topics included scheduling fall groundwater sampling, the Minor Change request to reduce Progress Report submittal frequency from monthly to quarterly, submittal of the revised *Monitoring Well Installation Report*, and the options to address the EDB-impacted soil that remains in place at the site.
- Simplot/HDR will schedule Fall 2023 groundwater sampling event, likely for early November 2023.
- Simplot/HDR will coordinate project data formatting to facilitate upload to Ecology's EIM database.

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) 220-6597 or at [molly.dimick@simplot.com](mailto:molly.dimick@simplot.com).

Respectfully,  
**HDR Engineering, Inc.**



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