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**Subject: Progress Report for December 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 (see Activities in December 2023 section below regarding future to progress report cadence).

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 December 2023

- Simplot/HDR received a letter regarding *Reduction in Progress Report Submittal Frequency from Monthly to Quarterly* on December 6, 2023. In this letter, Ecology approved the request to reduce the frequency of progress reports from monthly to quarterly beginning in 2024. This December 2023 progress report will be the last monthly progress report. The next progress report will be submitted to Ecology on or before April 10, 2024, and will cover Quarter 1 of 2024 (January – March 2024).
- Simplot/HDR received a letter regarding *Partial Completion of the Site Cleanup Action and Ecology Preparation of a Cleanup Action Plan Addendum* on December 6, 2023. In this letter, Ecology states that there are no further comments on the final Cleanup Action Report, dated August 22, 2023, except that the estimated EDB area remaining at the site has not been cleaned up in accordance with the CAP. To address this, Ecology plans to prepare an addendum to the CAP, which will undergo the public review process.
- Simplot/HDR continued development of the November 2023 Groundwater Sampling Memo.
- HDR strategized project data formatting to facilitate upload to Ecology's EIM database.

### Anticipated Activities for Q1 2024

- Simplot/HDR will conduct semiannual groundwater sampling from January 15-19, 2024. The results of the sampling event will be summarized in a report and delivered to Ecology for review under separate cover.
- Simplot/HDR will coordinate project data formatting to facilitate upload to Ecology's EIM database.
- Ecology will provide a formal concurrence letter on the Revised Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation Report (per Ecology email dated 24 October 2023).
- Results from the November 2023 sampling event will be summarized in a report and delivered to Ecology for review under separate cover.

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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