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October 20, 2011

Mr. Dale Landon, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Landon:

RE: Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Letter of Concurrence on Draft Final Site Inspection Report, Baxter Outlying Field, FUDS Property No. F10WA0616, Franklin County, Washington,

On behalf of the Washington State Department of Ecology, thank you for the opportunity to review the referenced document. The report primarily presents the results of a site inspection and limited soil investigation conducted at Baxter Outlying Field (OLF), FUDS Property No. F10WA0616, located in Franklin County, Washington, approximately 10 miles north of Richland, Washington, and 13 miles northwest of Pasco, Washington. Based on the results, the report also presents conclusions and recommendations.

Conclusions and recommendations presented in the report include the following:

- i. MEC is potentially present at the Bombing Range MRS.
- ii. Lead and zinc concentrations in soils exceed background levels but are below human health screening levels.
- iii. Adverse ecological impacts from relatively elevated metal concentrations are not expected in soil, based on expanded Screening-Level Ecological Risk Assessment.
- iv. No imminent threat to human health, safety, or the environment was identified
- v. A recommendation for additional investigation with respect to MEC and MC for the Bombing Range MRS.
- vi. A recommendation to rule out removal actions due to the lack of imminent threat to human health, safety, or the environment.

We have completed our review and we concur with conclusions and recommendations presented in the report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 407-7227 should you have any questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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