



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 10

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Moses Jarayis, Vice President
Environmental Programs and Regulatory Management
CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company
P.O. Box 1600
Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Notification of Stayed Permit Conditions, CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company, LLC, A Contractor of the Department of Energy Hanford Nuclear Reservation, NPDES Permit No. WA-002591-7

Dear Mr. Jarayis:

The above-referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit was reissued to CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company, LLC ("CHPRC") on June 23, 2009. On July 30, 2009, the Environmental Appeals Board notified Region 10 that CHPRC had filed a petition for review of the permit (Appeal No. NPDES 09-08). This letter serves as notification pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §124.16(a)(2) of those permit conditions that are stayed as a result of CHPRC's petition for review.

The following contested condition of NPDES Permit No. WA-002591-7 is stayed until final agency action under 40 C.F.R. §124.19(f):

Part I.B.2: "Discharges of process water such as dust suppression water and stormwater from Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Cleanup actions are prohibited from Outfall 004."

The remainder of the June 23, 2009 NPDES permit conditions are uncontested and severable from the contested condition and, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §124.16(a)(2) and §124.20(d), will become fully effective and enforceable 33 days after the date this notice is mailed.

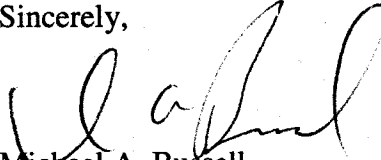
Shortly after the reissued permit takes effect, the Region intends to withdraw, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §124.19(d), the contested condition listed above and to issue for public comment a draft permit modification that would remove the contested condition from the permit. This draft permit modification will address CHPRC's objection to the permit as expressed in the petition for review.

The draft permit modification will proceed through the same process of public comment and opportunity for a public hearing as would apply to any other permit modification subject to

40 C.F.R. Part 124. Those portions of the permit that are not withdrawn shall continue to remain in effect.

Please feel free to contact John Drabek at (206) 553-8257 should you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Bussell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michael A. Bussell
Director, Office of Water and Watersheds

cc: Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board
Mr. Raymond Takashi Swenson, CHPRC