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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

September 4, 1991

Robert D. Markworth, P.E.  
Union Pacific Railroad  
1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000  
Omaha, NE 68179

Re: Union Pacific Railroad Tie Treating Plant

Dear Mr. Markworth:

I received a copy of the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for The Dalles Tie Treating Plant submitted by CH2M Hill on behalf of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). I understand this report was prepared pursuant to a consent order between DEQ and UPRR.

The Union Pacific Railroad Tie Treating Plant at The Dalles is listed on EPA's Superfund National Priorities List. Under an agreement between EPA and DEQ, the DEQ is the lead agency to coordinate remedial activities using state cleanup authorities at this site. There is no support agency designated by the EPA/DEQ agreement; consequently, EPA is not conducting support-type activities such as reviewing key deliverables or major decision points.

We encourage UPRR to continue working cooperatively with DEQ to complete the necessary investigations and studies and then proceed with remediation.

Sincerely,

Alan S. Goodman, Chief  
Hazardous Waste Section

cc: Bill Dana, DEQ  
Phil Millam, HW-113

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