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Re: Final Closure Report
Columbia River Operable Unit
Union Pacific Railroad, Dalles

Dear Ty:

Staff of the Department of Environmental Quality have reviewed the Columbia River Operable Unit Final Closure Report. This final report is dated April 1996 and the report was received by DEQ on April 3rd 1996. The report is considered approved and no further remedial action on the Columbia River Operable Unit appears necessary at this time.

The Record of Decision requires the cap and the near shore sediments to be monitored for a period of 20 years. Maintenance is to be conducted if necessary. Long term cap monitoring is generally discussed in Section 4 of the closure report. Section 4.1.2 addresses the frequency of the monitoring. It appears the first monitoring event will occur after the highest river flows and velocities have receded during the months July or August. This monitoring event can be considered the year 1 event.

As you know we are now negotiating the design and action consent decree. I would like you to consider how the long term sediment cap monitoring and maintenance activities should be incorporated into RD/RA SOW covered under the consent decree. The agreement requires an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan to be produced eventually. It may make sense to incorporate the section 4 monitoring requirements into this plan so that all monitoring and reporting activities at this site are covered under a single plan. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this letter. I can be reached at 541-298-7255 ext. 32.

Sincerely,

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