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Sheryl Bilbrey, Director  
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**Re: State Concurrence, Explanation of Significant Differences Document, North Ridge Estates Superfund Site (NRE), Operable Unit 1 (OU1), Klamath Falls, Oregon. ORN001002476, ECSI #2335**

Dear Ms. Bilbrey:

Thank you for the opportunity for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to review and comment on the US Environmental Protection Agency's Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document dated February 22, 2019.

DEQ concurs with the use of the site-specific background level of 12 milligrams per kilograms (mg/kg) for arsenic in lieu of the 0.425 mg/kg risk-based level referenced in the 2011 Record of Decision.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 541-633-2012 or via email at [anderson.david@deq.state.or.us](mailto:anderson.david@deq.state.or.us).

Sincerely,

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