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Mr. Bob Wyatt
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Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site; Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240
Portland Harbor Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (BHHRA)

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

This letter is requesting copies of files used to develop the draft Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (BHHRA) for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site submitted to the EPA on May 2, 2011. EPA appreciates the significant amount of work that the LWG has put into this document. From our review to date, EPA agrees with the numerical calculations and technical findings of the document; however, the document does not satisfactorily address all of EPA's comments, and lacks sufficient clarity presenting the process and conclusions in a clear and transparent manner. Under the AOC, Section IX.1., EPA has the right to modify any deliverables under the AOC, which EPA intends to do with the BHHRA. Consequently, EPA is requesting all the original document (Word, Excel, etc.) files used to create the BHHRA so that we can modify the document.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Chip Humphrey at (503) 326-2678 or Kristine Koch at (206) 553-6705. All legal inquiries should be directed to Lori Cora at (206) 553-1115.

Sincerely,

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