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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
Oregon Operations Office
Eric Blischke and Chip Humphrey
805 S.W. Broadway, Suite 500
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Dear Chip and Eric,

EPA has requested that the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) provide to the Regional Sediment Evaluation Team (RSET) certain of the Portland Harbor chemistry and bioassay data that the LWG has collected under EPA's oversight pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent. It is our understanding that RSET will be applying its own quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) criteria to determine which data is suitable for its purposes.

As we have discussed, the LWG requests concurrence from EPA that, for purposes of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent, the LWG will not be requested to re-evaluate its data under any different QA/QC protocols employed by RSET. Rather, the LWG will continue to utilize for its Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study the QA/QC protocols established by the work plans approved by EPA.

Very truly yours,

Bob Wyatt

Jim McKenna

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