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Colonel H. Charles Hodges, Jr.
Commanding Officer
Department of the Army
Joint Base Command
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Dear Colonel Hodges:

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 has reviewed the Five Year Review report for the Joint Base Lewis McChord Superfund site located at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. This is the first Five Year Review for JBLM, and the fourth report for the former Ft. Lewis Superfund site. The EPA reviewed this report for technical adequacy, accuracy, and consistency with EPA guidance.

The EPA concurs with the protectiveness determinations in this report. As stated in the report, the protectiveness determination for the remedy implemented at Operable Unit 1, the Logistics Center, has been deferred pending additional sampling to address the potential for vapor intrusion at industrial structures above the Logistics Center Plume and an evaluation of the capability of the I-5 groundwater extraction and treatment system to capture the Lower Vashon TCE groundwater plume. The vapor intrusion evaluation is expected to be complete in June 2013, and the evaluation of the Lower Vashon Aquifer plume capture should be complete in September 2013. Upon resolution of those issues, the Logistics Center remedy is expected to be protective of human health and the environment in the long term. An addendum to determine the protectiveness of OU1 will be prepared by September 30, 2014.

I want to commend your staff on completing this review by the required statutory deadline. The EPA and Army project teams have an excellent working relationship and we look forward to continuing this cooperative effort as the work moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cami Grandinetti".

Cami Grandinetti
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