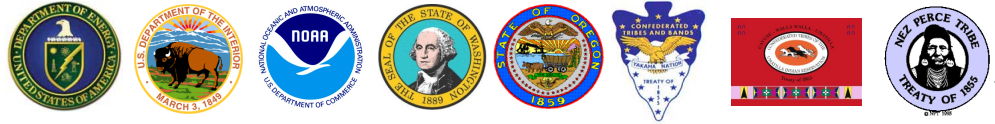




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March 15, 2016

Ms. Stacy Charboneau  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Richland Operations Office  
P.O. Box 550  
Richland, WA 99352

RE: *FY18 Budget Recommendation and Project Execution Plan Update*

Dear Ms. Charboneau:

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council's fiscal year 2018 (FY18) budget recommendation is \$6.447 million, based on our Project Execution Plan (PEP).

As you know, the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC or Council) is conducting a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for the Hanford Site as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). We developed and approved a Project Execution Plan (PEP) in May 2014. The PEP provides DOE with a funding baseline and milestones for completion of the NRDA by 2024. Attached is the recommended FY18 Budget Summary, along with the approved updated PEP (March 2016), which updates the funding baselines found in the PEP Table 4.1.a.

In updating the PEP we focused on HNRTC accomplishments in FY15 and actual funding received in FY16. The FY16 funding to the HNRTC was more than \$3 million below the FY16 Council budget recommendation. To account for this budget shortfall, the HNRTC chose to implement a "bow-wave" approach to updating the funding baseline for the PEP, which is the basis for the FY(+2) funding request for this year. The Council is in the process of reviewing and adjusting the list of injury studies and costs necessary to complete the assessment.

Planned work in FY18 continues the iterative process of completing ongoing injury studies and implementing new injury studies identified in the Hanford NRDA Injury Assessment Plan (IAP), and technical work plans. The FY18 scope also includes planning for early restoration projects. FY18 scope includes assessment planning, injury and service loss studies, restoration planning, technical analysis, project management, information management and

administration. The PEP provides further information regarding the scope, schedule and cost estimates for these activities.

We appreciate your continued support of the HNRTC and look forward to working with you and your staff in conducting the NRDA for the Hanford Site. Please contact me at 208-621-4710 or by email at if you have [jackb@nezperce.org](mailto:jackb@nezperce.org) feedback, questions or want to schedule a meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Bell,  
Chair, Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Attachments

1. Project Execution Plan (Updated March 2016)
2. FY18 Budget Summary

cc: Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council  
Pam Zimmerman, DOE-RL

<b>FY 2018 HNRTC Budget Summary</b>	
<b>FY 2018 Activities</b>	<b>FY 2018 Budget Recommendation</b>
<b>Assessment Planning</b>	
Technical Support Contractor	\$672,500
<b>Assessment SubTotal</b>	<b>\$672,500</b>
<b>Injury &amp; Service Loss Studies</b>	
New and Continued studies	\$1,312,900
<b>Injury Study SubTotal</b>	<b>\$1,312,900</b>
<b>Restoration Planning</b>	
Project development/	\$200,000
<b>Restoration Planning SubTotal</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Project/Technical Management - Trustees**</b>	
USDOE*	---
USFWS	
NOAA	
CTUIR	
Nez Perce	
Yakama	
Oregon	
Washington	
<b>Project Management SubTotal **</b>	<b>\$3,616,800</b>
<b>Information Management</b>	
Data Management	\$438,000
<b>Information Management SubTotal</b>	<b>\$438,000</b>
<b>Administration</b>	
Facilitation	\$207,000
<b>Administration SubTotal</b>	<b>\$207,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,447,200.00</b>
* DOE participation is not funded via the HNRTC.	
**This cost was based on prior year estimates by each Trustee for their respective participation in the Hanford NRDA plus escalation, was not subject to negotiation within the HNRTC, and does not reflect agreement or endorsement by other Trustees or the HNRTC as a whole. Individual Trustee participation costs are negotiated yearly with DOE.	