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RE: Completion of the Feasibility Study for the Holden Mine Site ("Site")

Dear Ted:

The Agencies have completed their review of the Intalco's February 19, 2004, Draft Final Feasibility Study (DFFS). Intalco submitted the DFFS as a deliverable required by the 1998 Holden Mine Site Administrative Order on Consent /Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("Order"). The Agencies found the DFFS deficient in a number of respects. Pursuant to Paragraph 36 of the Order, the Agencies modify the DFFS, as described below.

First, the Agencies have prepared comments on and modifications to the DFFS. These comments and modifications, titled "Agencies' Comments on the Draft Final Feasibility Study for Holden Mine" (August 31, 2007), are enclosed.

Second, the Agencies have reviewed Alternative 9, which was submitted by Intalco as an additional remedial alternative on November 18, 2005. The Agencies have considered Alternative 9 among the remedial alternatives evaluated in the feasibility study. The Agencies have prepared comments on and modifications to Intalco's "Alternative 9 Description and Focused CERCLA-MTCA Feasibility Evaluation, Holden Mine Site, Chelan County, Washington" (Alternative 9 Description, URS 2005). These comments and modifications, titled "Agencies' Comments on Intalco's Alternative 9 Description" (August 31, 2007) are enclosed.

Third, the Agencies have conducted additional analyses to complete the feasibility study process. This includes addressing certain deficiencies in the DFFS and Intalco's Alternative 9 Description; evaluating Alternative 9; and evaluating two remedial alternatives developed by the Agencies (Alternatives 10 and 11) as well as a no action alternative (Alternative 12). These analyses are provided in the Supplemental Feasibility Study ("SFS") (September, 2007). A copy of the SFS is enclosed. Where there are differences between the Agencies' documents (the SFS, the Agencies' comments on the DFFS and the Agencies' comments on Alternative 9), and Intalco's documents (the DFFS and the Alternative 9 Description), the Agencies' documents take precedence.

To facilitate progress toward remedy selection, the Agencies are not requiring Intalco to resubmit the feasibility study. Rather, the final feasibility study for the Site consists of the DFFS; the Agencies' August 31, 2007 Comments on the DFFS; Intalco's Alternative 9 Description; the Agencies' August 31, 2007 Comments on Intalco's Alternative 9 Description; and the SFS. Enclosures to this letter represent the Agencies' modification of the DFFS and the Alternative 9 Description, and together with the DFFS and the Alternative 9 Description, constitute the final feasibility study for the Site.

Sincerely,

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