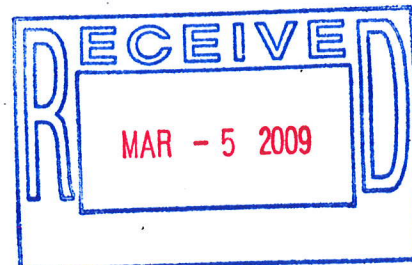


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**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Reply To: ECL-111

Marko E. Adzic  
Teck American Incorporated  
501 North Riverpoint Boulevard, Suite 300  
Spokane, Washington 99202

Re: Upper Columbia River Site Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Adzic:

EPA is hereby approving Teck American's March 2009 Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the 2009 Beach Sediment Study. Agency comments, submitted to Teck American under EPA cover letter dated January 29, 2009, have been addressed.

As you are aware, pursuant to the Work Plan for the RI/FS, access agreements and permits must be obtained before sampling can begin. Additionally, archaeological monitors and/or Tribal representatives must be present during all sampling activities. As such, planning for field work will need to be closely coordinated with EPA and the Participating Parties, including the cultural resources working group. In order to facilitate this coordination and communication, please contact Monica Tonel of EPA to arrange a conference call/meeting to discuss the planned field sampling schedule, number of sampling teams that Teck American anticipates mobilizing in the field, and other pertinent logistical arrangements. Ms. Tonel will invite the cultural resources working group members, and others as appropriate, to participate in this discussion. Ms. Tonel can be reached at (206) 553-0323.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at (206) 553-2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Rochlin".

Kevin Rochlin  
Project Manager

cc: Patti Bailey, Colville Confederated Tribes

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Randy Connolly, Spokane Tribe  
John Roland, WA Department of Ecology  
Dan Audet, U. S. Department of the Interior