

DISCLAIMER

The Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA) Team endorses Part I of this document only as a screening assessment of the present-day state of the Columbia River as affected by Hanford Site operations. This screening assessment was subject to limitations imposed by assumptions, data availability, time and resource constraints. The CRCIA Team is comprised of technical representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe, Yakama Indian Nation, Hanford Advisory Board, State of Oregon, Washington State Department of Ecology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE). The CRCIA Team was formed by the Tri-Parties to assist in carrying out CRCIA and provide advice during the conduct of the screening assessment. Part II of this document, which defines an acceptable scope for a comprehensive assessment, was prepared by the CRCIA Team with DOE acting in the role described in the Part II disclaimer. Part II describes the requirements to be met by analysts when performing a comprehensive assessment acceptable to those people represented by the CRCIA Team who may be affected by river-borne Hanford contaminants. The screening assessment constitutes an initial step which is necessary but not sufficient to determine Hanford's regional impact resulting from present and potential future distribution of contaminants through the Columbia River
