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Ms. Alexandra K. Smith, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Smith:

**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY
AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-89-16-01**

The purpose of this letter is to invoke dispute resolution pursuant to Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII Resolution of Disputes, Paragraph 30, and Article XL Good Cause for Extensions, Paragraph 124, regarding the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) April 14, 2016, disapproval of the subject Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form requesting a revision to the scope and extension for Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-089-06, "Submit to Ecology in accordance with the procedures in WAC 173-303-830(4)(b), a request for a Class 2 modification to the Hanford dangerous waste permit, to include in the permit the '324 Building Radiochemical Engineering Cells, High-Level Vault, Low-Level Vault, and Associated Area Closure Plan' (Closure Plan), DOE/RL-96-73 revised as necessary to address releases to the soil and to ensure compliance with requirements of WAC-173-303-610. DOE's revised closure plan will include a schedule for completing closure activities."

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the Project Manager level.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mark French of my staff, at (509) 373-9863.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray J. Corey FOR". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ray J. Corey, Assistant Manager
for the River and Plateau

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