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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD  
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY  
AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORMS M-15-13-02 AND M-15-13-03**

On November 15, 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) two Class II Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Forms (M-15-13-02 and M-15-13-03), signed by RL (14-AMRP-0033). The change control forms proposed extension of the due date for two Interim Milestones, M-015-112 and M-015-113 from February 28, 2014, to September 30, 2014. RL received Ecology's disapproval of the extension request (13-NWP-126) on December 3, 2013. Therefore, RL invokes dispute resolution under Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII. Alternatively, RL requests that Ecology consider incorporating discussion of these change requests into the upcoming Tri-Party Agreement negotiations for Fiscal Year 2014.

RL will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the Project Manager level, or alternatively, during the 2014 Tri-Party Agreement negotiations. Given the upcoming holidays, RL requests the period of time allowed for resolution at the Project Manager level be extended to January 15, 2014, or another mutually agreed to date.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 373-6137.

Sincerely,

  
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for the River and Plateau

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