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

**OPPORTUNITY TO ACCELERATE COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-015-110A**

This letter responds to the August 3, 2012, request that the 30 month delay for Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-015-110A be shortened (12-NWP-135). The Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-015-110A is to prepare the 200-DV-1 Operable Unit Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Work Plan and Tri-Party Agreement Change Number M-15-11-03 delayed submittal of the work plan from September 30, 2012, to March 31, 2015.

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) agrees that many of the components of the work plan have already been completed and concurs that the delay could be shortened. RL suggests using the current ongoing Tri-Party Agreement negotiations to set a revised date for the 200-DV-1 Work Plan. The Agreement in Principle for the negotiations includes setting revised dates for M-15-00 decision documents, such as the 200-DV-1 Work Plan.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan A. Dowell".

Jonathan A. Dowell, Assistant Manager  
for the River and Plateau

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