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Mr. Robert G. Holt  
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Dear Mr. Holt:

Re: Milestone M-15-07B (Soil Washing Pilot Scale Test)

The M-15-07B due date of August 31, 1994, pursuant to the Hanford Federal Facilities Agreement and Consent Order, has been missed by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE). The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acknowledge the missed milestone, and are cognizant of the request for a seven month extension to March 31, 1995, as stated in USDOE's letter, dated May 13, 1994, from Mr. Patrick Willison. Ecology recognized the potential for delay based on definition of final workscope, and USDOE's procurement difficulties. Thus, the milestone was referred to the Project Managers to resolve the schedule conflicts, as well as the expectations pertaining to workscope and data needs. While these issues have not been resolved entirely, the importance of retaining soil washing technology on Hanford is critical to waste minimization and volume reduction.

Ecology and EPA recognize the data needs for early cleanup decisions are heavily dependent on existing bench scale (laboratory) testing, including cost estimates. Bench scale data shall be included in the first 100 Area Proposed Plans and Focused Feasibility Studies, including 100-HR-1, 100-DR-1, and 100-BC-1. Additionally, Ecology and EPA recognize, based on the timing of the pilot-scale soil testing, the data generated would likely not be available for the first Proposed Plans, Focused Feasibility Studies, and Records of Decision. However, data generated from the pilot scale soil test shall be included in subsequent cleanup documents, as soon as available.

Ecology and EPA expect USDOE to proceed with the pilot scale soil washing test at the 116-D-1B trench with a completion date of February 15, 1995. An evaluation report will be submitted to Ecology and EPA which assesses the cost benefit and effectiveness of the technology and provides, but is not limited to, an engineering evaluation of the applicability of pilot scale soil

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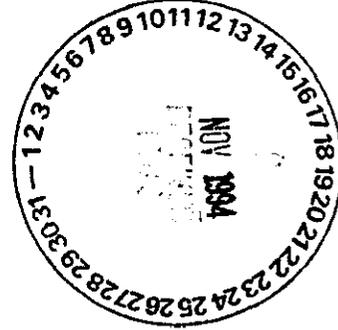


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Dear Mr. Hold:

Re: Change Control Form M-43-94-02 (Single-Shelled Tank Liquid Level Monitoring)

In accordance with Article XL of the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA), the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is informing you that we are not prepared to sign the above change package. As required by Article XL, we are providing this notification to you in writing, within seven (7) days of receipt of your letter.

Ecology has been working with the cognizant Unit Managers for the U. S. Department of Energy (USDOE) on this proposal, and we have resolved significant issues to date. However, Ecology has not had the opportunity to fully evaluate the impacts to the TPA, other upgrade programs, or compliance status at the Single-Shelled Tanks. The potential impacts and implications of incorporating this program into the TPA are significant, and Ecology wants to understand them completely before adding this to the TPA.

We understand the importance to USDOE of this program, and will attempt to reach a decision on this proposal prior to the November, Project Managers Meeting. We will continue to work with USDOE Unit Mangers on understanding the impacts of this proposal and, if agreed to, will craft a mutually agreeable change package.

If you have any questions on this matter please contact me at (206) 407-7146.

Sincerely,

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Single-Shelled Tank Unit Manager

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