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Dear Messrs. Day and Jansen:

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), Article XL, Paragraph 114, Extensions, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL), is notifying you that RL objects to the disapproval by the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) of Tri-Party Agreement Change Request M-03-92-03, "Modify Milestone M-03-03, 'Complete Vitrification Building and HWVP Detailed Design'", and RL hereby invokes its rights under the Disputes provisions of the Tri-Party Agreement.

In the letter formally denying Change Request M-03-92-03, received on October 27, 1992, Ecology notified this office that it denied the change request based on lack of detailed information on the impacts to the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant (HWVP) project schedule. RL objects to the reason of lack of detailed information used as the basis for that decision, and is so notifying you within the seven days allocated by the Tri-Party Agreement. RL feels that the schedule impacts were reviewed in detail with Ecology during the HWVP design review meetings at Fluor Daniel, Inc. in Irvine, California. It was our impression that Ecology understood and agreed with the delay of this milestone based on the need to incorporate lessons learned from Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF).

Based on the denial of the change request, it appears that additional discussions and reviews of the HWVP schedules are required. RL will generate an Integrated Project Master Schedule for the HWVP project showing that the completion date is not impacted by the delay in completing the detailed design for HWVP. This schedule will be sent to Ecology by November 13, 1992, for review. The schedule should resolve any remaining questions surrounding impacts of the design completion delay on the HWVP startup date or other interim milestones.



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In an attempt to promptly resolve this dispute informally, RL suggests that a short meeting of the HWVP Unit Managers be held on November 18, 1992, in conjunction with the Fluor Daniel, Inc. Monthly Review Meeting in Irvine, California. The detailed design schedules can be reviewed and any questions which may remain can be answered with all impacted parties present.

Please direct questions or comments regarding this subject to Mr. R. L. Long, of the HWVP Project Office, on (509) 376-7754 or me on (509) 376-6798.

Sincerely,


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