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Dear Mr. Skinnarland:

FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER,  
M-15-15E MILESTONE

This response is to a letter from Mr. Moses Jaraysi, State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, M-15-15E; Closure of the 216-U-12 Crib; and Status of the Draft 200-UP-2 Focused Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan," dated October 17, 1996. The Ecology letter and subsequent meeting on November 15, 1996, provided the basis for a path forward between the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and Ecology concerning the 200-UP-2 Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) and Proposed Plan milestone and the integration of the closure plan requirements for the 216-U-12 Crib. It is RL's understanding that the agreement reached between RL and Ecology is:

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1) The M-15-15E milestone has been revised eliminating all reference to the FFS, Proposed Plan, and closure plan requirements, (see attached Change Request dated November 19, 1996) and 2) RL and Ecology agree that the 216-U-12 Treatment, Storage, and Disposal will be included in the 2003 Hanford Facility RCRA Permit Modification. In order to meet the 2003 Permit Modification, RL will plan on integrating the closure plan requirements with CERCLA documentation associated with the Uranium Rich Process Condensate/Process Waste Group (or another waste site group if more appropriate) in a timely fashion that will meet the 2003 Permit Modification date. In the event that RCRA/CERCLA integration efforts are not successful, RL will plan to submit a separate, stand-alone Closure/Post-Closure Plan for the 216-U-12 crib at least 18 months prior to the 2003 Permit Modification date.

RL requests that Ecology confirm (in writing) their statement at the October Unit Managers' Meeting to not revise the FFS and Proposed Plan. RL appreciates Ecology's efforts and cooperation in addressing the issues associated with this operable unit and will plan on integrating the 200-UP-2 operable unit waste sites in accordance with the technical path forward described in DOE/RL-96-67, Rev.0, 200 Areas Soil Remediation Strategy - Environmental Restoration Program.

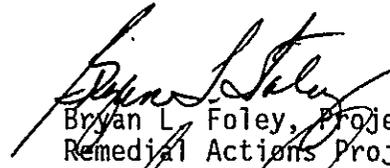
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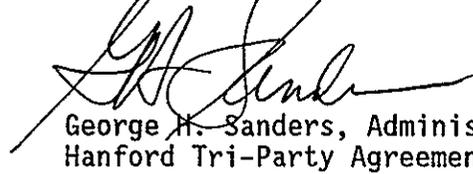
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Please feel free to contact Mr. Foley on 376-7807 if there are any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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George H. Sanders, Administrator  
Hanford Tri-Party Agreement

RAP:BLF

Attachment

cc w/attach:

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