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Dear Mr. Wilson:

**EARLY COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND
CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-16-01E,
"COMPLETE N REACTOR/100-N AREA DEACTIVATION PURSUANT TO THE
WORKSCOPE IDENTIFIED IN THE N REACTOR DEACTIVATION PROGRAM PLAN,
REVISION 4 (WHC-SP-0615)**

The purpose of this letter is to document that Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-16-01E has been completed. Tri-Party Agreement Change Request M-16-98-01 established the completion date for the milestone as July 31, 1998. The declared completion date for achieving the milestone is July 23, 1998, eight days ahead of schedule. This was subsequent to a final review session held with the 100-N Area State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Project Manager on July 22, 1998. This review session included 100-N Area facility walkthroughs, record reviews, and technical discussions, and concluded with his approval of the present deactivated condition of the facilities.

The scope of work tied to completion of this milestone was originally defined in WHC-SP-0615. Necessary changes to that work scope arose throughout the implementation of the deactivation work. These changes were communicated to and concurred with by the Ecology 100-N Area Project Manager. The acceptable end point conditions of the 100-N Area facilities and systems which were designated to be deactivated are documented in BHI-01130, Rev. 0, "N Area Final Project Plan," which was approved by the Ecology 100-N Area Project Manager and previously transmitted to Ecology.

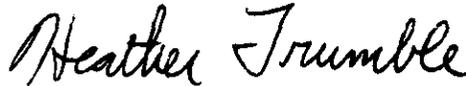
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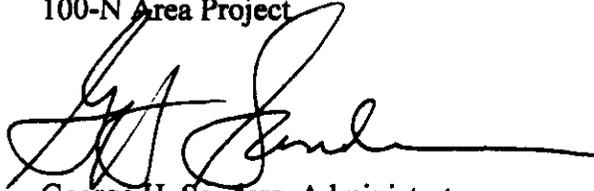
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We appreciate the support of Ecology in achieving this significant effort. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office is proud of the accomplishment that completion of N Reactor/100-N Area represents. If you should have any questions, please contact me or Heather Trumble of my staff on (509) 376-4798 and (509)376-3721, respectively.

Sincerely,



for Paul M. Pak, Senior Project Manager
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