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Dear Mr. Wilson:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTAL OF M-91-03 PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN (PMP) REVISION

Reference: (1) Ecology ltr. to K. A. Klein, RL from F.C. Jamison, "Review of the M-91-03 Mixed Low-Level Waste Project Management Plan (PMP) Pursuant to Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Action Plan Section 9.2," dtd. February 1, 2004. 61201

(2) RL ltr. to M. A. Wilson, Ecology, from K.A. Klein, "Transmittal of the Mixed Low-Level Waste Project Management Plan," 04-AMCP-0143, dtd. December 31, 2003. 61106

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), has received your comments on the M-91-03 PMP and is in the process of revising the document. This letter requests an extension to March 30, 2004 for submitting the revised PMP addressing your comments to ensure an adequate funding profile is included in the response. An extension is allowable by section 9.2.1 of the Tri-Party Agreement, and was offered by you in Reference 1.

Comment 4 in Reference 1 concerned providing an adequate funding profile. As indicated in Reference 2, the funding profile was not originally provided because rebaselining of the project to address the new requirements of the M-91 change package was still underway. That process is still on-going. In response to your comment, the revised PMP will include a funding profile that reflects the baseline change request (BCR) expected to be submitted to RL by Fluor Hanford, Inc. in March. If the funding profile subsequently needs to be changed based on RL's review of the BCR or other developments, the funding profile can be updated as needed using the process described in the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, Section 9.3. This process can also be used to adjust the funding profile, if appropriate, based on the response to the thermal treatment request for proposal this spring. RL has discussed this approach with Fred Jameson, of your staff.

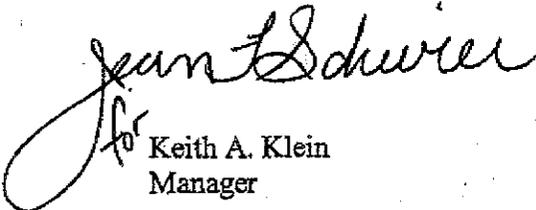
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick,
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Sincerely,


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