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Dear Mr. Wilson:

RIVER PROTECTION PROJECT PROGRAM PLANS FOR IMMOBILIZED HIGH-LEVEL WASTE (IHLW) INTERIM STORAGE AND IMMOBILIZED LOW-ACTIVITY WASTE (ILAW) DISPOSAL

- References:
1. CHG Document, "River Protection Project Immobilized High-Level Waste Interim Storage Plan," RPP-6969, Rev. 0, dated September 2000.
 2. CHG Document, "River Protection Project Immobilized Low-Activity Waste Disposal Plan," RPP-6968, Rev. 0, dated September 2000.
 3. Ecology letter from T. Fitzsimmons and C. Clarke, EPA, to K. A. Klein, RL, R. T. French, ORP, and C. Huntoon, HQ, "Final Determination Pursuant to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) in the Matter of Hanford Site High-Level Radioactive Tank Waste Treatment Capacity Acquisition, Tank Waste Treatment and Associated Tank Waste Work Requirements," dated March 29, 2000.

As requested by Suzanne Dahl of your staff, at the monthly Project Manager's Meeting on October 4, 2000, we are providing for your information the enclosed copies of the most recent updates of the program plans for ILAW Interim Storage and ILAW Disposal, References 1 and 2. These documents were originally prepared and submitted to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) on December 22, 1997, as HNF-1751 and HNF-1517, respectively, in accordance with Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-90-01.

The updates reflect several major changes to the IHLW and ILAW programs, including new baseline schedules, adoption of the remote-handled waste trench concept for ILAW disposal, and termination of the grout vault Project for interim storage of ILAW. As in the previous reports, a table that provides the location of information required by Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan Section 11.5 is included in Appendix A.

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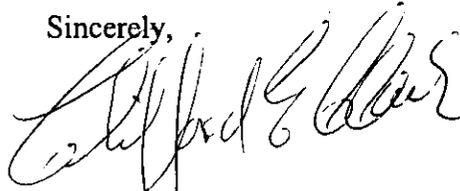
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As explained to Ecology at the above-mentioned meeting, the current U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) Baseline Schedule is not consistent with the dates specified for the M-90 Milestones, Reference 3. ORP would like to initiate discussions with Ecology regarding the need for a Tri-Party Agreement Change Request to bring the Final Determination M-90 Milestones into agreement with Baseline Planning.

Please refer any comments or suggestions, including comments on the usefulness of the report to Ecology, to P. E. LaMont, ORP, (509) 376-6117.

Sincerely,



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