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Tentative Agreement on Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order
 (Tri-Party Agreement)
 Negotiations on the Overall Strategy and Approach for
 Hanford Groundwater Protection, Monitoring and Remediation
 (Tri-Party Agreement Milestone Series M-024)

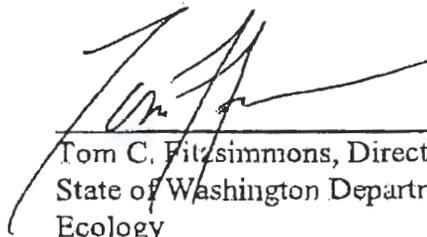
The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), the State of Washington Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereinafter referred to as the parties, have concluded negotiations on an overall strategy and approach for Hanford groundwater protection, monitoring, and remediation under Tri-Party Agreement Milestone Series M-024. This Tri-Party Agreement change package was developed and found mutually agreeable to the parties.

It is the parties' intent to submit the proposed change packages for a 45-day public comment period. A response-to-comments document will be prepared addressing public comments. When finalized, the Tri-Party Agreement change packages will be modified, as necessary and approved. The approved Tri-Party Agreement change package and response-to-comments document will be issued and the changes incorporated into the Tri-Party Agreement.

Signed this 18th day of September 2003.



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