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DATE EXTENSION FOR THE FOCUS FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE U PLANT CLOSURE AREA AND THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE U PLANT CLOSURE AREA WASTE SITES, HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-015-47

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, requests a 60-day extension for submittal of the updated Focus Feasibility Study for the U Plant Closure Area, DOE/RL-2003-23, Draft A, and the Proposed Plan for the U Plant Closure Area Waste Sites, DOE/RL-2003-24, Draft A. The need for this extension has been discussed with Craig Cameron, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and John Price, State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). The extension will allow further discussion on regulatory comments. The updated documents will be provided to Ecology and EPA no later than November 11, 2003. Please indicate your concurrence with this request by signing the signature blocks on the next page.

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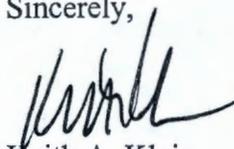
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