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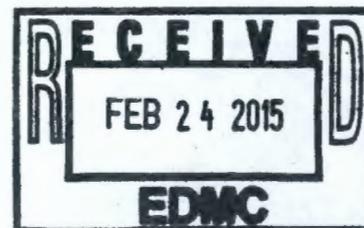
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Ms. Hedges:

INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER CHANGE CONTROL
FORM M-62-14-02

On January 30, 2015, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) provided the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) a Class II Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Change Control Form (M-62-14-02), signed by ORP. The change control form proposed adding language under TPA Milestone M-062-45 to defer negotiations required under M-062-45.

The requested change was submitted to allow a period of six months for ORP and Ecology to assess whether additional changes to actions and milestones set forth in M-062-45 are appropriate after resolution of the motions pending before the district court through the entry of a final order modifying the Consent Decree in *State of Washington v. Moniz*, Case No. 08-5085-RMP (E.D. Wash.). The ORP signed TPA Change Control Form M-62-14-02 is available in the TPA Administrative Record.

Ecology failed to respond in writing to the request for modification, which, under Section 12.3.3 of the TPA Action Plan, is deemed to be disapproval of the request. Therefore, ORP is hereby providing notice that it objects to Ecology's disapproval and is hereby initiating dispute resolution under TPA Article VIII. ORP will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the TPA Project Manager level.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Fletcher, Assistant Manager for Tank Farms Project, at (509) 376-3434.

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