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Dear Messrs. Sherwood and Wilson:

**100-DR AREA REMEDIAL ACTION (RA) HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT
AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE**

This letter is to notify you that the milestone for completion of RA at 100-DR will not be met as scheduled. A draft, "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)," change package is attached for your review and comment. The Milestone M-16-07B, "Complete Remediation and Backfill of 22 Liquid Waste Sites and Process Effluent Pipelines in the 100-DR-1 and 100-DR-2 Operable Units as Defined in the Remedial Action Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for the 100 Area," is currently scheduled for April 30, 2000. Although work has progressed steadily at 100-D since the project began, the continued discovery of contamination plumes has increased the scope of remediation significantly.

As indicated in the fiscal year 2000 Detailed Work Plan, the earliest expected completion date for backfilling was February 2001. However, based on current projections of plume quantities and associated closeout and backfill activities, RL reasonably expects completion to extend to July 2001.

RL therefore, has prepared a Tri-Party Agreement change package with July 31, 2001, as the new completion date. The new milestone date reflects an additional three months for plumes and two months for closeout activities.

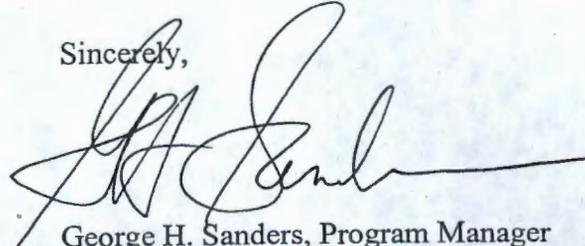
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Please provide any comments to Glenn I. Goldberg, Environmental Restoration Division, at
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Sincerely,



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