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SUBMITTAL OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE 300 AREA WASTE SITES AND SURPLUS FACILITIES

As you know, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in March 2002 to pursue procurement of a new, first-of-a-kind closure contract. The contracting approach was designed to accelerate risk reduction and closure of 210-square miles beginning at the shores of the Columbia River and extending inland to the middle of the Hanford Site. In the December 2003/January 2004 timeframe, DOE solicited input from prospective Offerors, other interested parties and industry to ensure that this contracting approach was the effective way to close the Hanford Site River Corridor. As a result, major changes were made to the RFP and RL reissued it in July 2004. Proposals are due back by October 7, 2004, and contract award is scheduled for January 31, 2005. The successful bidder will then have 180 days (6 months) to submit a baseline and schedule for the River Corridor workscope. This delay has impacted Tri-Party Agreement Milestone series M-016, "Complete Remedial Action for all Non-Tank Farm Operable Units, and M-094, Complete Disposition of 300 Area Surplus Facilities."

Despite the fact that the contract has not yet been awarded, RL, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, have agreed to changes to the M-016 and M-094 milestone series. Enclosed for your review and approval are two Class I Tri-Party Agreement Change Requests (Enclosure 1). The M-16-04-02 Tri-Party Agreement change package modifies the major milestone, one interim milestone and proposes a new interim milestone for workscope associated with 300 Area remedial actions.

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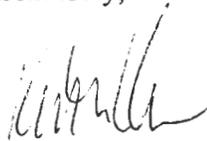
The M-94-04-01 Tri-Party Agreement change package accelerates the due date for the major milestone by three years, modifies one interim milestone and proposes a new interim milestone for workscope associated with the 300 Area high priority facilities.

In addition, the Parties met to determine if the changes proposed to the two Tri-Party Agreement Major Milestones (M-016-00B; M-094-01) met the public comment criteria established in the Tri-Party Agreement and associated Community Relations Plan. The Parties Public Involvement Officers reviewed the subject change packages in accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, Section 10.0, Community Relations/Public Involvement, as well as the significant criteria within the Tri-Party Agreement Community Relations Plan and determined that the changes proposed are not significant and therefore, do not require public review. As a result, the Class I Tri-Party Agreement change packages can be approved without going through a public comment period. A statement to that effect was signed by the Parties and is included as an enclosure to this letter (Enclosure 2).

The Parties remain vigilant in Hanford cleanup efforts to ensure that Hanford cleanup is performed in an effective, efficient, and timely manner while mitigating risk to human health and/or the environment.

In accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, Section 12.0, Changes to the Agreement, the regulators have 14 days following receipt of the change packages to act on them. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Shirley Olinger, Acting Assistant Manager for the River Corridor, (509) 376-6628, or Joel Hebdon, Director, Office of Environmental Services, (509) 376-6657.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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