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Dear Mr. Ceto:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-034-40-T02 COMPLETION

The purpose of this letter is to transmit Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-034-40-T02 completion documents. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have discussed this deliverable on several occasions, leading to the agreement to resolve the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-34-32, "Complete Removal of the K East Basin Structure" and Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-16-57, "Initiate K East Basin Soil Remediation" dispute through the recent approval of the Dispute Resolution Settlement Agreement and associated change packages. One of these change packages, M-34-07-03, established this target Milestone M-034-40-T02, due March 31, 2008. The text of this milestone reads:

"Submit a detailed schedule and budget profile for 100 K Area closure.

RL will submit to EPA a detailed schedule and budget profile for completing all work necessary to cleanup and close the 100 K Area, which addresses EPA concerns and priorities and includes:

- a. resource loaded schedule and draft cost profile for the scope included in the M-34-40-T01 January 31, 2008, deliverable; and
- b. schedule which will include identification and logical sequencing of necessary interfaces and interdependencies among the various scopes of work."

The compact disk accompanying this letter contains all the data required to meet the above requirements. Members of my staff have met with Larry Gadbois on several occasions to discuss this product, as well as the overall effort leading to the completion of the deliverable. Mr. Gadbois has provided helpful comments on the schedule and his comments have been incorporated into the final package.

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It is important to note that this deliverable does not represent the RL-proposed milestone dates based on an optimized critical path schedule. The dates shown are intended to only reflect durations and logical sequencing of work activities. RL will continue to look for opportunities to optimize this schedule to complete the 100 K Area Closure as soon as possible. For example, we are evaluating schedule adjustments to:

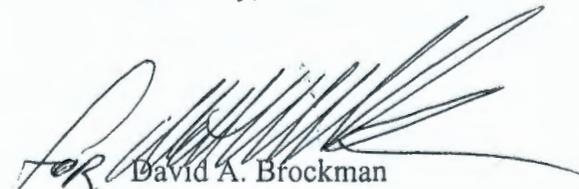
- a) Conduct one sampling campaign for each sludge type while meeting our needs and the New Mexico Environment Department permit testing requirements,
- b) Remove facilities no longer needed, and
- c) Move the sludge to the Central Plateau prior to treatment.

This optimized schedule will be developed over the next 60 days and will be reflected in our next deliverable which is due May 31, 2008, and will consist of a Tri-Party Agreement 100 K Area Change Request to propose replacement dates for existing Tri-Party Agreement milestones applicable to this 100 K Area deactivation and demolition and waste site remediation workscope.

Groundwater project work is being performed under PBS RL-0030, including the decommissioning and removal of the pump-and-treat systems upon completion of groundwater remediation activities. RL K Basin Closure and Groundwater Project staff have discussed integration of these scopes of work and have not discovered any special challenges related to this integration; however, should you prefer we can coordinate a meeting with you to discuss this topic. We look forward to working with you and Mr. Gadbois over the next 60 days as we refine our schedule and cost estimates for the 100 K Area Closure project.

If there are any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,


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