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Dear Mr. Sherwood:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) TARGET DATE M-34-26-T01, "APPROVE START OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE K-EAST AND K-WEST BASIN FACILITY MODIFICATIONS FOR ALTERNATE FUEL TRANSFER STRATEGY CASK TRANSPORTATION"

The following is formal notification that the Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Project completed all work associated with the Tri-Party Agreement target date M-34-26-T01, "Approve Start of Construction for the K-East Basin and K-West Basin Facility Modifications for Alternate Fuel Transfer Strategy Cask Transportation System," on November 16, 2001. While the work was not completed in time to meet the September 30, 2001, target due date, progress was communicated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through completion.

On September 27, 2001, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) formally notified EPA of a one-month delay in completion of M-34-26-T01 in order to resolve technical issues with the design of the lift tables, rails, and straddle carriers. While it took slightly longer to resolve the design issues satisfactorily, your staff was updated on progress through meetings and informal dialog. The September 27, 2001, letter also identified that the one-month delay would not impact ongoing work in either the K-East Basin or the K-West Basin, nor would it impact any other Tri-Party Agreement milestones, including M-34-29, which requires completion of the K Basin modifications for the Alternate Fuel Transfer Strategy by March 31, 2002. RL has recently provided you with an update on other emerging project issues that have the potential to impact the M-34-29 interim milestone. We will continue to keep you apprised of information as it is received and will follow up with additional correspondence, as necessary.

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Should you wish to further discuss the above information, please contact Ellen Dagan, of my staff, on (509) 376-3811, or Steve J. Veitenheimer, Director, Office of Spent Nuclear Fuels, on (509) 373-9725.

Sincerely,



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