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AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
 Between the United States Department of Energy,
 the United States Environmental Protection Agency,
 and the State of Washington

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the United States Department of Energy (DOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Washington.

WHEREAS, the parties to this AGREEMENT have previously entered into the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order on May 15, 1989, (Tri-Party Agreement) to provide for the coordinated efforts of all parties to assure compliance of DOE Hanford Site activities with requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), including corrective actions and remedial actions required by those Acts, and applicable state law; and

WHEREAS, the parties have pursuant to RCRA, CERCLA and the Tri-Party Agreement instituted the process of conducting CERCLA remedial investigations and feasibility studies (RI/FS) and RCRA facility assessments and corrective measures studies (RFI/CMS) of operable units on the Hanford Site; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of taking immediate steps to accelerate the physical restoration of the Hanford Site prior to completion of RI/FS and RFI activities through performance of expedited response actions:

NOW, THEREFORE, DOE, EPA, and the State of Washington agree as follows:

1. That each party reaffirms its commitment to the Tri-Party Agreement.
2. That USDOE reaffirms its obligations and commitment to seek sufficient funding from Congress to meet all existing milestones in the Tri-Party Agreement and future new milestones or revised milestones established by agreement of the parties in accordance with Article XL of the Tri-Party Agreement.
3. DOE has identified a list of potential Hanford Site projects which may be considered for expedited response actions. Candidate projects under consideration for expedited response actions, include, but are not limited to:
 - a. 618-9 Burial Ground Remediation
 - b. 300 Area Process Trenches Sediment Removal
 - c. 200 West Area Carbon Tetrachloride Treatment.
4. DOE will propose the selected projects to Ecology and EPA for their review of the technical basis, costs and feasibility for these projects. The three parties will jointly propose to the public those projects if they meet regulatory approval. The three parties will follow the public involvement procedures of the Tri-Party Agreement and the CERCLA National Contingency Plan.

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5. Following regulatory and public review, DOE commits to implementing these three candidate projects, or other appropriate projects from the list, pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the three parties. DOE commits to the implementation of these projects as additions to the Tri-Party Agreement and without an impact on the existing milestones of the Tri-Party Agreement.
6. In order to understand the total activities under consideration and to establish a baseline for the activity which can be used as a basis for decisions and against which progress can be measured, the initial step for each of the potential projects is the development of a detailed cost estimate based upon that plan.
7. These activities will be conducted in a manner consistent with prudent management and will serve as a model for future activities in the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program.
8. The parties will use their best efforts to complete the steps identified in the foregoing paragraphs as soon as practical.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto have signed this AGREEMENT in recognition of their pledge of mutual best efforts to achieve through cooperation and negotiation, in good faith, the understandings as set forth above on this 18th day of October, 1990.

James D. Watkins
Secretary of Energy

William Reilly, Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Honorable Booth Gardner, Governor
State of Washington.

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