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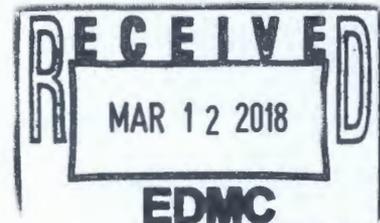
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Subject: Contract No. DE-AC06-05RL14655  
**"TO BE MISSED" DECLARATION OF TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT  
MILESTONE M-89-00**

Dear Mr. Short:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) that Washington Closure Hanford LLC (WCH) is declaring Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-89-00 as "To Be Missed" due to the unexpected soil contamination encountered under the 324 Facility. WCH has been investigating the potential of a historical leak path for contaminants from the 324 Radiochemical Engineering Complex B-Cell to the soil following identification of a visible breach in the B-Cell sump liner that was discovered in November 2009. Radiological dose profiling has indicated clear evidence that substantial quantities of radioactive material historically leaked from B-Cell into the underlying soil. Dose rates have been measured up to 8,900 R/hr. WCH is developing plans for performing additional characterization, options for remediation of the soil contamination, and assessing plans for demolition of the facility.

The current demolition approach developed for the 324 Facility assumed minimal soil contamination below the facility. However, the unexpected conditions that were encountered under B-Cell has caused WCH to reevaluate the demolition approach and is likely to cause the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-89-00 completion date of September 30, 2012 to be missed. A change request to the M-89-00 milestone will be prepared to reflect the new demolition strategy that is currently under development. WCH will submit the M-89-00 change request to RL and the Washington State Department of Ecology by September 30, 2011.



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If you should have any questions, please contact me at 372-9213.

Sincerely,



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