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EXTENSION REGARDING HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (HFFACO) DISPUTE RESOLUTION - CHANGE REQUEST M-45-02-02, "COMPLETE RENEGOTIATION OF SECOND PHASE (i.e., SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015) SINGLE-SHELL TANK (SST) WASTE RETRIEVAL ACTIVITIES"

On February 12, 2002, the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology) notified the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) of its' disapproval of Change Request M-045-02-02. On February 19, 2002, ORP initiated the dispute resolution process as set forth in the HFFACO, Article VIII. On March 20, 2002, the parties extended the dispute resolution period to May 31, 2002. On May 31, 2002, at ORP's request, the parties further extended the dispute resolution period to June 21, 2002. The parties have since continued their efforts to resolve this dispute. However, being unable to reach agreement, this dispute is now elevated to the Interagency Management Integration Team (IAMIT).

Notwithstanding the elevation of this dispute, ORP has now requested additional relief. Consequently, and after due consideration, the parties hereby agree that the due date for DOE's submittal of its statement of dispute in this matter is extended seven days, to June 28, 2002. This extension does not affect the time period set under HFFACO Article VIII.D for the IAMIT to unanimously resolve this dispute. The deadline for such resolution remains twenty-one days following the June 21 elevation of the dispute to the IAMIT (July 12, 2002).

Agreed to this 21 day of June 2002.

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