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Dear Messrs Sherwood and Wilson:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-16-26A

This letter provides notice to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Washington Department of Ecology that the pending Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-16-26A, "Initiate Remedial Action in the 100-HR-1 Operable Unit," is in jeopardy of missing the March 31, 1999, targeted milestone date. The window for providing the required 110-day notice for a Tri-Party Agreement milestone extension expired on December 11, 1998. Current Tank Waste Remediation System reprogramming efforts may result in funding uncertainties for the award of the subcontract for remedial actions in the 100-HR-1 Operable Unit. Until such time that this reprogramming effort has made significant progress, the award of major subcontracts has been placed on hold. Delays in awarding this sub contract may jeopardize the subject milestone.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office regrets the timeliness of this notice and will keep you informed as progress is made. If you would like to discuss this matter further or require additional information, please contact Mr. Glenn I. Goldberg at (509) 376-9552.

Sincerely,

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