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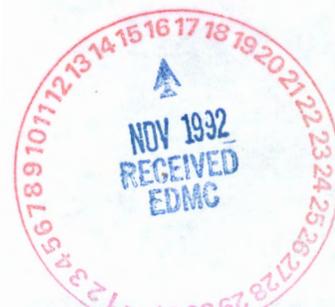
Mr. David B. Jansen, P.E.  
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Dear Messrs. Day and Jansen:

### INTERIM STABILIZATION MILESTONE, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Reference:
- (1) Letter, S. H. Wisness, RL, to P. T. Day, EPA, and D. B. Jansen, Ecology, "INTERIM STABILIZATION MILESTONE, DISPUTE RESOLUTION," 93-TPA-004, dated October 8, 1992 - 0024268
  - (2) Letter, D. B. Jansen, Ecology, to S. H. Wisness, RL, "REQUEST FOR DELAY OF INTERIM MILESTONE M-05-04," dated September 25, 1992, received at RL October 1, 1992 - 0023799
  - (3) Letter, S. H. Wisness, RL, to P. T. Day, EPA, and D. B. Jansen, Ecology, "REQUEST FOR DELAY OF INTERIM STABILIZATION MILESTONE," 92-OB-123, dated September 22, 1992 - 0023494

Reference (1) invoked the rights of the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL) to dispute the denial by the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), contained in reference (2), of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) change request for interim milestone M-05-04, contained in reference (3). Reference (1) also expressed the RL desire to expedite the informal dispute resolution process. Toward this purpose, RL suggested, in reference (1), that an informal meeting of the Tri-Party Agreement Single-Shell Tank (SST) Interim Stabilization Unit Managers be held on October 14, 1992. Ecology verbally canceled the meeting and no new meeting date has been scheduled.



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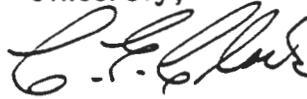
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During discussions with Mr. Scott McKinney of your staff during the SST Unit Manager Meeting held on November 4, 1992, agreement was reached with him to hold another meeting to discuss resolution of the dispute on November 12, 1992. This date was acceptable with RL, and RL is preparing for this discussion of the belief that Ecology will be available to meet with RL on November 12, 1992. At this time, RL also intends to discuss the various issues presently preventing further progress on stabilization of the SSTs, and RL's plans for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) activity in regards to the stabilization activity. RL will specifically not attempt to begin negotiation of new Tri-Party Agreement milestones at this meeting. However, RL will discuss its general plans and views on stabilization work during the present FY.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-6798, or Mr. Jon Yerxa of my staff on (509)376-9628.

Sincerely,



fa Steven H. Wisness  
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