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Mr. Mike Wilson, Manager
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT)
 CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-41-96-01

- References:
1. Letter from J. Kinzer, RL, to M. Wilson, Ecology, "Creation of Danger, Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)," dated December 12, 1995 ✓
 2. Letter from M. Wilson, Ecology, to J. Kinzer, RL, Response to "Creation of Danger, Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)", dated December 22, 1995 ✓
 3. Letter from P.F.X. Dunigan, RL, to M. Wilson, Ecology, "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Change Control Form M-41-96-01", dated January 17, 1996 ✓
 4. Letter from M. Wilson, Ecology, to P.F.X. Dunigan, RL, "Tank Farm Stabilization Change Control Form M-41-96-01", dated January 30, 1996 ✓



The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated January 30, 1996, disapproving the Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form M-41-96-01 (Reference 4). The Change Control Form was received by RL on February 5, 1996.

RL believes there is cause to change the due date for the Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-41-09, "Start Interim Stabilization of 7 Non-Watch List Tanks in 241-S Tank Farm," which was due on January 31, 1996, and Target Date M-41-09-T01, "Complete Interim Stabilization of 7 Non-Watch List Tanks in 241-S Tank Farm," due April 30, 1997. As stated in the above references, work associated with the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) single-shell and double-shell tanks cannot proceed until the completion of the safety analyses and resolution of the flammable gas safety issue for the affected tanks.

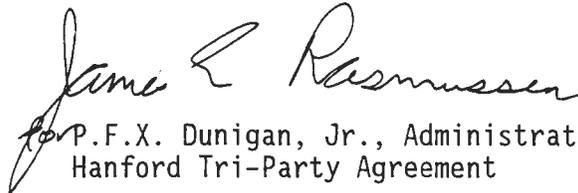
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This letter is to notify the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) that RL wishes to enter into dispute resolution on the change request, as provided in Article VIII of the Tri-Party Agreement. In addition, RL looks forward to working with the Ecology TWRS Project Manager in resolving the five issues identified in Reference 4 over the next thirty days.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Carolyn C. Haass on (509) 372-2731.

Sincerely,


for P.F.X. Dunigan, Jr., Administrator
Hanford Tri-Party Agreement

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