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Dear Mr. Wilson:

COMPLETION OF INTERIM MILESTONE M-024-56 AND CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2002 HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MAJOR MILESTONE M-024-00N

Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-024-56, Install Two Additional Wells at Single-Shell Tank (SST) Waste Management Area TX-TY, was completed on December 9, 2002. This action also satisfies the requirements for CY 2002 Tri-Party Agreement Major Milestone M-024-00N. Two standard-design Resource Conservation and Recover Act (RCRA) groundwater monitoring wells were installed in the TX-TY SST Waste Management Area. One well was installed down gradient (perimeter) between Well 299-W14-6 and 299-W14-14 and one was installed approximately 180 feet south of Well 299-W15-22. Dedicated pumps have been installed and the wells are sample ready.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP), the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked diligently to resolve issues associated with groundwater protection, monitoring and remediation using the Cleanup Constraints and Challenges Team (C3T) process. The C3T workshops have developed a multi-year list of priority wells to be drilled to meet the objectives of the Tri-Party Agreement, RCRA, CERCLA and the Atomic Energy Act (AEA). The workshops have framed the approach, priorities and scope necessary to revise the Tri-Party Agreement Major Milestone M-024, Install RCRA Groundwater Wells at the Rate of up to 50 wells/year (if required). We will continue to focus on early joint prioritization, planning and scheduling efforts to integrate the technical, regulatory, and fiscal challenges into a mutually acceptable and agreed-to path forward for revising this milestone to reflect the needs of RCRA, CERCLA and the AEA.

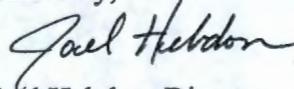
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Sincerely,



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