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Dear Mr. Wilson:

INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT (PFP)  
HANFORD ASH CHANGE REQUEST M-83-01-01

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), provided the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) with a signed Hanford Ash change request (M-83-01-01) on February 27, 2001. Ecology was unable to approve the change request within the fourteen-day Tri-Party Agreement approval timeframe. RL and Ecology continued to review the Hanford Ash change request for an additional week beyond the fourteen-day approval period to gain agreement that was ultimately not achieved.

Pursuant to Article VIII Resolution of Disputes, paragraph 30 of the Tri-Party Agreement, RL objects with Ecology's disapproval of the change request and is by this letter, notifying Ecology of this objection and is initiating the dispute provisions of article VIII. RL will make reasonable efforts to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology within thirty days at the project manager level.

RL looks forward to working with Ecology on the decommissioning of the PFP that includes the repackaging of Hanford Ash. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at (509) 376-9333 or Jon Yerxa, of my staff, at (509) 376- 9628.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clifford E. Clark".

Clifford E. Clark, Acting Program Manager  
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