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Dear Mr. Wilson:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) CHANGE REQUEST M-24-02-01, ESTABLISH CALENDAR YEAR 2002 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA) MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION INTERIM MILESTONES

The enclosed change request documents the agreements between the State of Washington Department of Ecology, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) (hereafter referred to as "the parties"). When signed, work will proceed with the installation of two standard-design RCRA monitoring wells to be completed by December 2002. The wells are all located at the single-shell tank waste management area TX-TY.

By approving the enclosed Tri-Party Agreement Change Request, the parties recognize that Cleanup Constraints and Challenges Team (C3T) workshops will continue to develop a process for timely identification and prioritization of wells to be drilled to meet the objectives of the Tri-Party Agreement; RCRA; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; and Atomic Energy Act, as appropriate. These workshops will frame the remaining milestones and will focus on early joint prioritization, planning and scheduling efforts to integrate the technical, regulatory, and fiscal challenges into a mutually agreed-to path forward.

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As outlined in the Tri-Party Agreement, the lead regulatory agency has 14 days, following receipt of the document, to approve the Tri-Party Agreement Change Request. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Thompson, RL Waste Management Division, on (509) 373-0750; Rob Yasek, ORP Requirements Division, on (509) 372-1270; or Ellen Mattlin, of my staff, on (509) 376-2385.

Sincerely,



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