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January 13, 2010

Ms. Shirley J Olinger, Manager
Office of River Protection
United States Department of Energy
P.O. Box 450, MSIN: H6-60
Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)
Change Package Agreement in Principle M-045-020

Dear Ms. Olinger:

Enclosed is a copy of the Agreement in Principle signed by Shirley Olinger and Jane Hedges. This Agreement refers to M-045-020 Change Form. Woody Russell picked up the original, signed document at our office on January 12, 2010.

If you have any questions, you may call me at 509-372-7921.

Sincerely,

John B. Price
Tri-Party Agreement Section Manager
Nuclear Waste Program



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Enclosure

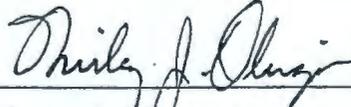
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AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection (ORP), Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have reached tentative agreement on a series of Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Change Forms pertaining to the retrieval, treatment, and closure of the Hanford Single-Shell Tanks (SST). Public comment began on October 1, 2009, and closed on December 11, 2009.

One of the TPA change forms included in this series is Change Form M-45-09-01, which proposes to delete the requirement in milestone M-45-020 for DOE ORP to submit an SST retrieval sequencing document by March 1, 2010. Another TPA change form in this series, Change Form M-62-09-01, among other things, proposes to add a new milestone, M-062-40, requiring submittal of a System Plan that will: 1) address the disposition of all tank waste, including the retrieval of all tanks and completion of the tank waste treatment mission; and 2) incorporate the SST tank retrieval sequencing document into the new System Plan, thus obviating the need for a separate sequencing document. Due to the proximity of the March 1, 2010, due date for the M-045-020 tank retrieval sequencing document to the potential approval date for the above-mentioned series of TPA Change Forms, the TPA parties have agreed to hold Milestone M-045-020 in abeyance pending disposition of said Change Forms.

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Shirley J. Olinger, Manager U.S. Department of Energy Office of River Protection	Date	Jane A. Hedges, Program Manager Nuclear Waste Program Washington State Department of Ecology	Date