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Dear Mr. Ceto:

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND
 CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-34-17,
 "INITIATE REMOVAL OF K EAST BASIN SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL"**

This letter serves as formal notification that the Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-34-17 was completed on November 25, 2002. The interim milestone requires RL to initiate removal of spent nuclear fuel from the K East Basin and transport to the K West Basin by November 30, 2002. The first shipment of spent nuclear fuel was moved from the K East Basin to the K West Basin on November 25, 2002. The shipment was then unloaded at K West on November 26, 2002. RL will keep your staff apprised of our continuing progress during regularly scheduled interface meetings.

Should you have additional questions regarding the above information, please contact me on (509) 372-2400, or contact Steve Veitenheimer, Director, Office of Spent Nuclear Fuels, on (509) 373-9725.

Sincerely,

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