



**U.S. Department of Energy  
Hanford Site**

February 16, 2021

21-TF-000637

Mr. David Bowen, Program Manager  
Nuclear Waste Program  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
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Dear Mr. Bowen:

**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD  
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY  
AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-62-21-01**

On January 27, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) provided the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) a signed Class II Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form M-62-21-01. The change control form proposed extension of the due date for interim milestone M-062-45-A by 90 days, from April 30, 2021, to July 29, 2021. ORP has not received a response to the proposed milestone extension, therefore considers the change control form as disapproved by Ecology. The purpose of this letter is to invoke dispute resolution with Ecology pursuant to Tri-Party Agreement, Article VIII, *Resolution of Disputes*, paragraph 30, and Article XL, *Good Cause for Extensions*, paragraph 124.

ORP will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the project manager level.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Kaylin Burnett, Environmental Compliance Division, ORP, on (509) 372-0622.

Sincerely,

**Brian A.  
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