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Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order

October 12, 1999

Extension of Period for Issuance of Final Determination

On June 21, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submitted change package M-32-99-02, which requested deletion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Agreement) milestones M-32-06 and M-32-06-T01. Ecology denied this request. On July 12, 1999 the DOE invoked the dispute resolution process pursuant to Article VIII of the Agreement. On August 11, 1999, the dispute was elevated to the Inter-Agency Management Integration Team (IAMIT).

At the agencies August 24, 1999 IAMIT meeting dispute in this matter was continued, and was expected to be discussed at the next IAMIT meeting (then scheduled for September 28, 1999). Because the September IAMIT meeting was cancelled by the Parties, no opportunity for discussion and possible resolution of this dispute took place.

The dispute was not extended at the IAMIT level. Consequently the Director of Ecology is required by Article VIII of the Agreement to issue a final determination on the matter by October 12, 1999.

On consideration, and despite the desire of each agency to bring this matter to a close, Ecology and DOE agree that additional time for discussion is in the Parties' best interest. Consequently (pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, paragraph 30 (E)) Ecology and DOE agree to extend the period allotted prior to issuance of a Directors' Final Determination through November 11, 1999.

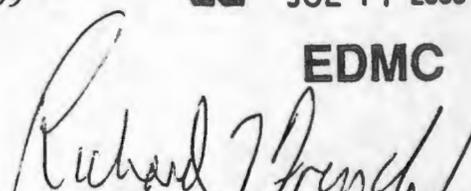
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