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Dear Mr. Niles:

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DOE LETTER 03-RCA-0086 COMPLETION OF INTERIM MILESTONE M-024-56 AND CALENDAR YEAR 2002 HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MAJOR MILESTONE M-024-00N

This is in reference to your letter to K. Michael Thompson, RL, same subject as above, dated December 26, 2002. The subject letter requests information supporting the development of an approach, prioritization scheme, and scope statements necessary to revise the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone for installing Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) groundwater monitoring wells. Specifically, you requested the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) provide "the salient information pertinent to the establishment of scope and priorities, along with the location maps, both electronically and in hard copy, to share with our stakeholders."

Tri-Party Agreement milestone negotiations are ongoing. The State of Washington Department of Ecology, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and RL have not come to an agreement on a draft Tri-Party Agreement change package that can be shared with the Oregon Office of Energy, stakeholders and Tribes. Once agreement is reached by the parties, a draft Tri-Party Agreement change request will be prepared and provided to the Oregon Office of Energy as part of the public comment process identified in Chapter 10, Section 1.6, Public Comment Opportunities of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. The principal supporting document for the forthcoming draft Tri-Party Agreement change package will be, "Data Quality Objectives Summary Report for Establishing a RCRA/CERCLA/AEA Integrated 200 West and 200 East Area Groundwater Monitoring Network (HNF-12236)." This Summary Report will be provided to the Oregon Office of Energy in the next two to three weeks.

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We look forward to our future interactions on this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact K. Michael Thompson, Waste Management Division, on (509) 373-0750.

Sincerely,



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Re: DOE Letter #03-RCA-0086 Completion of Interim Milestone M-024-56 and Calendar Year (CY) 2002 Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Major Milestone M-024-00N

Mr. Thompson,

Within the body of the above referenced letter, indicating compliance with the M-024-00N Milestone, a reference is made to the development of an approach, prioritization scheme, and scope statements necessary to revise the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone for the installation of RCRA groundwater monitoring wells. It is stated that this prioritized plan is to incorporate the requirements presented by RCRA, CERCLA and AEA governing regulations into the establishment of technical, regulatory and fiscal realities into Hanford's annual plan. Oregon requests that you provide to us, the salient information pertinent to the establishment of scope and priorities, along with location maps, both electronically and in hard copy, to share with our stakeholders

Respectfully,

Ken Niles
Administrator

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