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Dear Messrs. Day and Jansen:

DEFERRAL OF MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITY PART B PERMIT APPLICATION
(INTERIM MILESTONE M-20-29)

Enclosed for your review and approval is a Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Class II Change Control Form (Number M-20-92-6) requesting deferral of the Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone, M-20-29, for submittal of the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MASF) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B permit application. Interim Milestone M-20-29 presently requires that a Part B Dangerous Waste Permit Application for MASF be submitted by November 1993.

A RCRA Part A permit application was originally submitted November 1985, for washing residual sodium from Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) spent nonfuel components prior to their storage/disposal. Two tanks are included in the permit: the Large Diameter Cleaning Vessel and the Small Diameter Cleaning Vessel. The former would be used for major sodium components and the latter for spent control rods and reflectors. To date, the MASF systems have never been operated for any dangerous waste management activities.

This Class II change to defer the existing Interim Milestone for submittal of the MASF Part B permit application (submittal date of November 1993) is requested because of the recent directive by the U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters (DOE-HQ) to place the FFTF into a standby condition (March 1992). If FFTF had continued to operate, MASF would have been required to be operational by the end of 1995. However, the recent FFTF standby directive has essentially extended the need date out to the 1999



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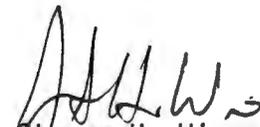
time frame, at the earliest. If a long term mission for FFTF is obtained, MASF operation will be required. However, if FFTF is directed to shutdown, it is highly probable that the regulated sodium removal process at MASF will not be required. Until the DOE reaches a final determination on the future of the FFTF, a decision on whether to proceed with submittal of the Part B permit application, or petition to withdraw the Part A, cannot be finalized. In light of this operational uncertainty and the substantial cost of the permitting process, deferral would allow the DOE to efficiently manage resources.

When the future mission for the FFTF is determined, the MASF permitting requirements will be assessed and the appropriate documentation will be developed and submitted to support implementation of that mission.

The original copy of the Change Request was transmitted via this letter to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) for disposition. Subsequently, Ecology is requested to forward the original to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding the enclosed Change Control Form, please contact me on (509) 376-6798.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE

This Class II Change Request is to defer the existing interim milestone for submittal of the MASF Part B permit application from November 1993 to a timeframe consistent with a decision on the future of FFTF, while compatible with Major Milestone M-20-00, "Submit Part B permit applications or closure plans for all RCRA TSD units."

Interim Milestone M-20-29 requires that a Part B Dangerous Waste Permit Application for MASF be submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by November 1993. The permit allows washing residual sodium from Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) spent nonfuel components prior to their storage/disposal. To date, the MASF has never been used for dangerous waste management activities. This Class II Change to defer the existing Interim Milestone for submittal of the MASF Part B permit application (submittal date of November 1993) is requested because of the recent directive by DOE to place the FFTF into a standby condition (March 1992). If FFTF had continued to operate, MASF would have been required to be operational by the end of 1995. However, the recent FFTF standby directive has essentially extended the need date out to the 1999 time frame, at the earliest. If a long term mission for FFTF is obtained, MASF operation will be required. However, if FFTF is directed to shutdown, it is highly probable that the regulated sodium removal process at MASF will not be required. Until the DOE reaches a final determination on the future of the FFTF, a decision on whether to proceed with the Part B application, or petition to withdraw the Part A, cannot be finalized. In light of this operational uncertainty and the substantial cost of the permitting process, deferral is the best approach.

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