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Dear Ms. Riveland and Mr. Clarke:

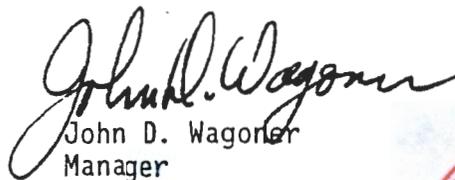
HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF HANFORD'S SURPLUS REACTORS - AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

Enclosed for your approval is an Agreement in Principle (AIP) for "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Negotiation of Commitments for the Completion of Disposition of Hanford's Surplus Production Reactors." This AIP establishes the expectations and requirements for the conduct of negotiations to develop appropriate Tri-Party Agreement commitments for placing the surplus reactors in interim safe storage and for their final disposition.

This AIP has been reviewed and developed in conjunction with members of your staff. In addition, the AIP also incorporates advice formally submitted to us by the Hanford Advisory Board on December 5, 1996.

The original AIP is being provided to Ecology for signature. The AIP should then be forwarded to EPA for their signature. If there are any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact James E. Rasmussen, Director, Environmental Assurance, Permits, and Policy Division on (509) 376-5441.

Sincerely,

  
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