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Dear Mr. Ceto:

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-34-29, "COMPLETE K EAST BASIN AND K WEST BASIN FACILITY MODIFICATIONS FOR ALTERNATE FUEL TRANSFER STRATEGY CASK TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM"**

This letter serves as formal notification that all activities related to the Tri-Party Agreement milestone M-34-29 were completed on September 12, 2002. This milestone required the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) to "Complete K East Basin and K West Basin facility modifications for Alternate Fuel Transfer Strategy cask transportation system" by March 31, 2002. The completion criteria for this milestone specified that: "This interim milestone shall be complete when all modifications to support transfer of spent nuclear fuel from K East Basin to K West Basin are complete. All modifications shall be constructed and installed and all construction acceptance tests (CAT's) shall be completed. The Construction Completion Document, Section IB shall be signed with either no exceptions or with only minor exceptions, which do not affect the functionality of the system."

Completion of milestone M-34-29 was delayed by several months due to a number of events. My letter to your office, "Delay in Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement And Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-34-29, 'Complete K East Basin And K West Basin Facility Modifications For Alternate Fuel Transfer Strategy Cask Transportation System,'" 02-RCA-0257, dated April 2, 2002, described the reasons for the delay and the series of actions that were taken to minimize the delay. We have kept your staff apprised of the status of work related to the completion of this milestone and we will continue to do so through the start of the fuel transfer system. Initiation of the transfer of spent nuclear fuel from the K East Basin to the K West Basin is still scheduled to occur by November 30, 2002, as required by Tri-Party Agreement milestone M-34-17.

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If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 372-2400, or Steve Veitenheimer, Director, Office of Spent Nuclear Fuels, on (509) 373-9725.

Sincerely,



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