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Dear Mr. Wisness:

I have reviewed USDOE's proposed interim milestones and target dates for pretreatment of double-shell tank wastes. I understand and support the need for all of the actions proposed by your change request. However, these changes fall short of the level of commitment needed to keep the Hanford tank waste remediation program on course. For example, milestones and target dates for design, construction, and operation of the TRUOX pilot plant and tank waste pretreatment facility(s) are either absent or "TBD". As a result, Ecology will not accept the proposed Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement or TPA) milestones or target dates.

As you know, Ecology and USDOE have been involved in management level negotiations on near term milestones for HWVP and other tank waste remediation system (TWRS) activities since December. Through these negotiations Ecology has made comments on the TWRS Integrated Decision Plan and the need for additional milestones which demonstrate USDOE's commitment and ability to meet long term milestones such as the HWVP hot start in 1999 and closure of the single-shell tanks by 2018. USDOE should propose additional milestones for pretreatment and other tank waste remediation system activities after the decision plan and current negotiations are concluded in February.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call me (206)438-7021.

Sincerely,

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