

Tri-Party Agreement

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300 AREA CLEANUP AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your November 26, 2002, letter outlining your concerns with the industrial reuse potential for Hanford's 300 Area. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (here in after referred to as the parties) are interested in further discussions regarding your request for assistance in conducting a land-use and market feasibility study analysis of the 300 Area.

The parties met with your representatives on January 9, 2003, and agreed that these discussions would continue in order to exchange additional information to reach a better understanding of your request.

The parties have current funding and resource constraints, and our ability to support new funding requests this year is limited. We are, however, committed to providing assistance in any way we can, and will do our best to help you identify available resources once we get a better understanding of the nature and scope of your request. To that end, the parties have identified the following agency staff to coordinate mutually beneficial opportunities: Mr. Kevin Bazzell, Remediation Activities, RL Environmental Remediation Division, (509) 373-0463; Mr. Mike Goldstein, EPA, (509) 376-4919; Mr. John Price, Ecology, (509) 736-3029; and Mr. Alex Teimouri, Land Use Plan, RL Closure Division, (509) 376-6662.

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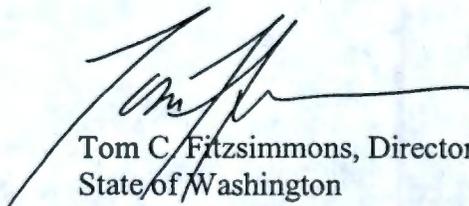
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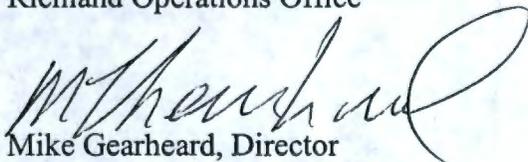
Again, thank you for your continued interest and support of our cleanup work in the 300 Area. The Parties are committed to implementing cleanup in a way that facilitates the anticipated future use of the 300 Area. Please direct your questions or comments to the agency points of contact identified above.



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