



 Tri-Party Agreement

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Dear Ms. Reeves:

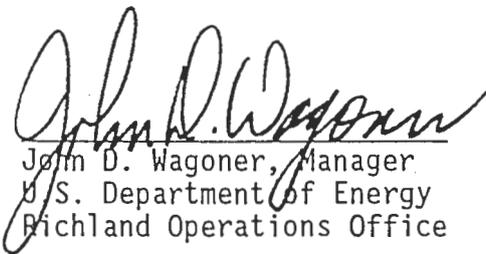
BOARD CONSENSUS ADVICE #73: PROPOSED TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT (TPA) MODIFICATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF HANFORD SURPLUS REACTORS (M-93-00), JULY 11, 1997

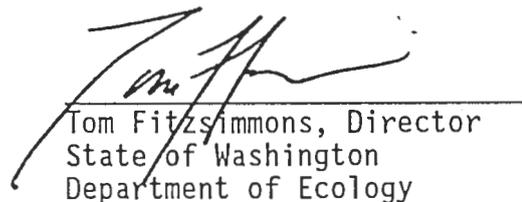
Thank you very much for your recent Board consensus advice and support, regarding the agencies' proposed TPA modifications covering the U.S. Department of Energy's reactors on the Columbia River. The guidance and feedback that the Board, and especially Ralph Patt and members of the Environmental Restoration Committee provided our team members throughout the negotiations process were particularly helpful.

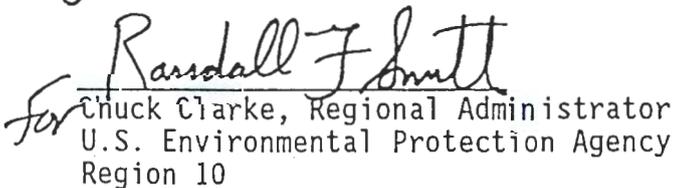
As you know, the public comment period for our reactor change request package began on June 9, 1997, and ended on July 23, 1997. A small number of comments, also supportive of the proposed change request, were received in addition to Board advice. Our staff are now reviewing these comments. We expect package finalization near the end of August 1997.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Bauer, Assistant Manager for Environmental Restoration, Richland Operations Office, on (509) 376-6628.

Sincerely,


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