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June 15, 1999

Mr. George H. Sanders, Administrator
Hanford Tri-Party Agreement
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, Washington 99352



Dear Mr. Sanders:

Re: Notice of Correction (NOC) Resulting from the 1998 Land Disposal
Restrictions (LDR) Compliance Inspection at Hanford
(TPA Milestone M-26-01H)

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received your letter dated June 10, 1999, addressed to Michael A. Wilson, Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program Manager. In this communication, you request that the violations and corrective measures, resulting from Ecology's 1998 LDR inspection, be handled under the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement). 50766

As stated in many previous letters and forums, Ecology's position is, and has always been, that the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) cannot initiate dispute resolution, for violations identified as part of a compliance inspection, under Article VIII of the Tri-Party Agreement. Please take action to resolve the violations in accordance with the corrective measures detailed in the referenced NOC.

If you have any further questions on this issue, please contact me at (509) 736-5715.

Sincerely

Laura Ruud
Permitting Specialist
Nuclear Waste Program

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