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September 17, 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 Resulting from the 1998 Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR)  
Compliance Inspection at Hanford (Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-26-01H)

On June 3, 1999, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a Notice of Correction (NOC) resulting from the above-referenced compliance inspection. The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and its contractors were required to complete associated corrective measures by September 1, 1999. This due date was subsequently extended to October 8, 1999 (see Stay of Proceedings dated July 8, 1999, and subsequent August 24, 1999, IAMIT meeting agreements).

Since deficiencies in the 1998 Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) Report mirror deficiencies in the 1999 LDR Report, Ecology has chosen to pursue one pathway of compliance. Specifically, Ecology will follow the primary document process to address deficiencies with the 1999 LDR Report. As a result, USDOE, Fluor Daniel Hanford, Inc. (FDH), and Waste Management Hanford (WMH) are not required to administratively respond to violations #1, #2, and #3 as part of the June 3, 1999, NOC. However, violation #4 remains to be addressed under the June 3, 1999, NOC.

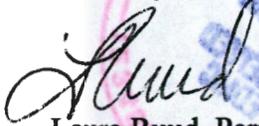
Recently, Ecology staff has received verbal requests from USDOE asking that the current October 8<sup>th</sup> NOC deadline be extended for sixty (60) days to allow for adequate consideration of issues. I hereby approve extension of the October 8<sup>th</sup> NOC deadline through December 8, 1999, as it pertains to violation #4. I expect that you and Ecology staff will report on the results of unified discussions at the October 26, 1999, IAMIT meeting. Please note that Ecology is sending a formal letter, per the primary document process, responding to deficiencies in USDOE's 1999 LDR submittal under Milestone M-26-01I. This formal letter will be sent today.

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Please notify the appropriate USDOE and Office of River Protection staff of this action.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-5715.

Sincerely,



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