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September 15, 2017

17-NWP-120

Mr. Doug S. Shoop, Manager
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United States Department of Energy
PO Box 550, MSIN: H5-20
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Re: Notification that Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)
Milestone M-083-00A Will Not Be Met

References: See page 2

Dear Mr. Shoop:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Letter 17-AMRP-0250 from the United States Department of Energy Richland Operations (USDOE-RL) on September 1, 2017 (Reference 1). Letter CHPRC-1703895, dated August 31, 2017, (Reference 2) was included as an attachment.

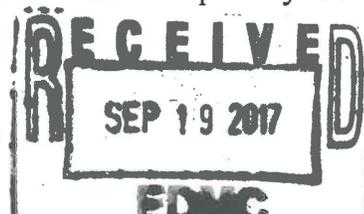
Letter 17-AMRP-0250 notified Ecology and the United States Environmental Protection Agency that the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-083-00A, Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Facility Transition and Selected Disposition Activities, due September 30, 2017, will not be met.

Ecology understands that schedule delays have occurred due to a series of unanticipated incidents and challenges, including severe weather conditions and worker safety considerations. Those delays have impacted the PFP schedule to accomplish the activities specified in M-083-00A. However, neither Reference 1 nor Reference 2 provided an updated schedule for completion of this major milestone or a description of actions initiated or otherwise taken to recover the schedule slippage.

In addition, Ecology is concerned about where the funding for PFP will come from in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018. USDOE-RL did not request and did not receive funds for PFP for FFY 2018. Accordingly, please provide the following to Ecology by September 22, 2017:

- An updated schedule for completion of M-083-00A.
- A description of the impacts on USDOE-RL's budget for PFP being completed in FFY 2018.

In the interest of focusing the Tri-Party Agreement agencies' resources on completing the PFP removal action, Ecology has elected to exercise enforcement discretion. We will not take enforcement action based on the missed milestone at this time. However, we may reevaluate this decision should new information become available or if any changes to the schedule are made that will impact any further commitments laid out in the Tri-Party Agreement.



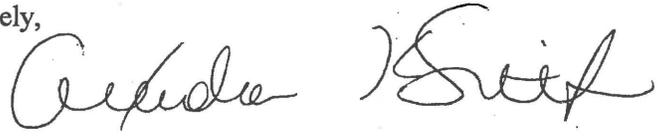
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Ecology is confident that USDOE-RL is motivated to finish the work specified in Milestone M-083-00A, and we want to ensure that the work proceeds at a pace that protects workers and the environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Schleif, Facility Transition Project Manager, at stephanie.schleif@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7929, or Ron Skinnarland, Waste Management Section Manager, at ron.skinnarland@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7924.

Sincerely,



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Reference 1: Letter 17-AMRP-0250, dated September 1, 2017, "Notification that Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-083-00A Will Not be Met"

Reference 2: Letter CHPRC-1703895, dated August 31, 2017, "Contract Number DE-AC06-08RL14788 - Notification that Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Milestone M-083-00A Will Not Be Met"

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