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Dear Ms. Hedges:

FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY (FFTF) CLOSURE PROJECT HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (HFFACO) INTERIM MILESTONE M-92-09 CHANGE PACKAGE

The purpose of this letter is to request regulator approval of the enclosed HFFACO change package. Please sign the Change Control Form and return the original to this office by July 9, 2008. The change package extends the M-092-09 Interim Milestone to align with completion of an out-year FFTF Closure Project baseline and the Tank Closure/Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and corresponding Record of Decision (ROD).

The existing interim milestone due date was established assuming the FFTF Closure Project would proceed with sodium disposition activities and facilities decommissioning and demolition (D&D) directly following the completion of facilities deactivation. The current project planning is for the FFTF to be placed in a long-term surveillance and maintenance mode following completion of deactivation activities and to defer the sodium disposition and D&D activities.

The extension to the interim milestone due date will insure that the scope of the milestone is consistent with the FFTF Closure Project baseline and the Tank Closure/Waste Management EIS and corresponding ROD. Included in the EIS is an analysis of the option for the disposition of the sodium coolant used at FFTF and the Hallam and SRE sodium stored in the 200 West Area. Deferring the milestone would not be pre-decisional to the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Members of your staff have reviewed the change package and their comments have been incorporated.

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If you have questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Al Farabee, of my staff, on (509) 376-8089.

Sincerely,


for Joe R. Franco, Assistant Manager
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Description/Justification of Change

It is planned that following placement of a new FFTF Closure Project contract, a cost and schedule baseline for sodium disposition and D&D activities will be established. After the FFTF baseline is approved by DOE headquarters, the Agencies can meet to discuss the applicability of establishing milestones.

Modifications to existing Tri-Party Agreement milestones are denoted with ~~strikeout~~; new milestone/text is denoted with shading.

M-092-09 Establish milestones and/or target dates if needed for acquisition of new facilities, modifications of existing facilities, and /or modification of planned facilities necessary for storage, treatment/processing, and disposal of Hanford Site sodium.

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