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**HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER
(TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-81 FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY (FFTF)**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office's (RL) tentative plan and schedule for the re-negotiation of the Milestone M-81 for the decommissioning of the FFTF.

In August 1999 RL, State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed Tri-Party Agreement Change Request (CR) No. M-81-98-01 holding the FFTF transition milestones "in abeyance". The August 1999 CR required, should the Secretary decide to permanently shut down FFTF, RL would issue a draft CR detailing a proposed set of transition milestones and target dates within 90 days of a Secretarial decision (based on an Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision [ROD]).

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The ROD for the "Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions in the United States, Including the Role of the Fast Flux Test Facility" was signed by the Secretary of Energy on January 19, 2001, and published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2001. The ROD stated the FFTF in the State of Washington will be permanently deactivated.

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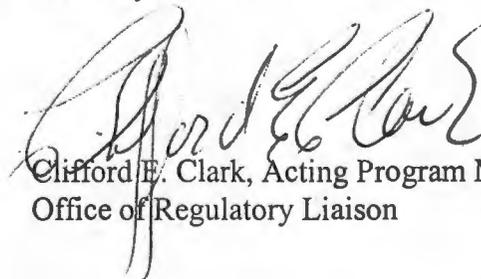
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Consistent with discussions between the RL/FFTF Project Office and Roger Stanley, Ecology, we presently are planning to submit a CR to Ecology and EPA by April 26, 2001. We would like to initiate discussions on the CR soon thereafter and request that you please identify a key point of contact for future coordination on this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Krupin of the Regulatory Compliance and Analysis Division on (509) 372-1112, or Al Farabee, of the FFTF Project Office on (509) 376-8089.

Sincerely,



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