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September 26, 2007

Ms. Paige Knight, Chair  
Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board  
625 Marion Street Northeast, Suite 1  
Salem, Oregon 97301-3742

Re: Tri-Party Agreement Negotiations

Dear Ms. Knight:

On July 25, 2007, the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board sent a letter to the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Agencies expressing your concerns regarding lack of public input on the Hanford TPA negotiations. We responded that input from the Yakama Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, the state of Oregon, the stakeholders, the Hanford Advisory Board, and others is important to the Agencies, and that we would provide a more detailed response in the future.

In late August and September, the TPA Agencies met with the state of Oregon, the Yakama Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Hanford Advisory Board to provide a status on the negotiations and receive input. On October 10, 2007, the TPA Agencies will host a TPA negotiations public workshop. The workshop will provide an opportunity to provide input on the status of the negotiations that have focused on the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant, single-shell tank retrievals, groundwater remediation, and development of a Hanford lifecycle scope, schedule and cost report. TPA Agency representatives will provide presentations or overviews, and there will be time for dialogue and public comment.

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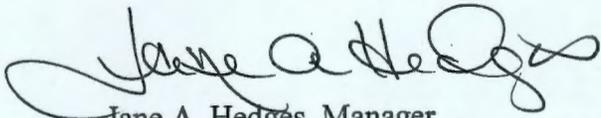
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The Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board is encouraged to attend the TPA negotiations public workshop on October 10, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., located at the Washington State University Tri-Cities Consolidated Information Center, 2710 University Drive, Richland, Washington.

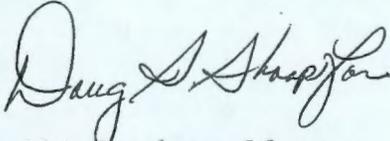
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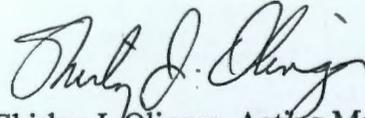
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