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i-Party Agreement

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Dear Mr. Davenport:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR PROPOSED TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT (TPA) MODIFICATIONS FOR
DISPOSITION OF HANFORD SURPLUS REACTORS (M-93-00)

Thank you for your recent comments regarding proposed new Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-93-00 covering Disposition of Hanford's Surplus Reactors. Your time spent reviewing the proposed new milestones is greatly appreciated, particularly with your experience in Nuclear and Criticality Safety. The Agencies' are in agreement with your suggestion that the Reactor Record of Decision (ROD), signed September 14, 1993, should periodically be re-evaluated, with regard to the technical and cost assumptions for determining final disposition of the reactors. You will recall, we went through such an exercise during our recent negotiation period in developing this change request. This is also a message received from Hanford Site stakeholders. The agencies also agree that such re-evaluation should not adversely impact other urgently needed remediation activities or surveillance and maintenance at and near the reactors.

With regard to B Reactor, the Agencies' have included a commitment in our change request package to determine if this reactor should be treated in a special manner due to its status on the National Registry of Historic Places. It is our desire that the result of our evaluations will assist us in making a determination on the concept of preserving and maintaining the B Reactor with the expectation of one day having it fully accessible to the public.



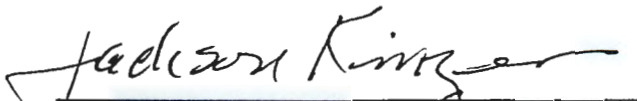
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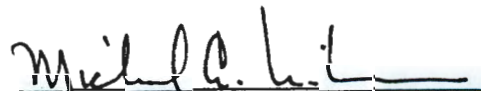
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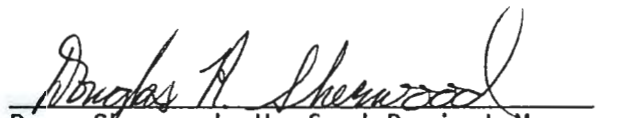
Finally, the agencies agree that methodologies for the implementation of the reactors Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision may need to be revisited as new technologies become available. Our proposed milestones in the M-93-00 change request provide for this. Review of all possible alternatives will continue for several years to come.

We thank you again and appreciate your well developed comments.

Sincerely,


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