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Dear Mr. Wilson:

COMPLETION DATES FOR TWO TARGET AND ONE INTERIM MILESTONE WHICH ARE PART OF THE TENTATIVELY AGREED CHANGE REQUEST M-45-98-03 (MILESTONES M-045-54, M-045-55-T01 AND M-045-55-T02)

As discussed in recent negotiations between the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP), and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) staff, this letter requests a change in completion dates to two target and one interim milestone that were set fourth in Change Request M-45-98-03. ORP and its contractor are continuing to collect and analyze data and hope to better align the planning, characterization and final reporting requirements in an effort to improve the processes for site characterization. It is important to note that none of these proposed changes will impact the schedule for completion of the Phase I Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation (M-045-55), which is due for completion by February 28, 2004. The alignment of fieldwork activities, subsequent analyses and the increased time in which to prepare an improved work plan will result in the movement of the following milestones:

1. M-045-54 from December 31, 2000, to March 30, 2001
2. M-045-55-T01 from April 30, 2001, to January 30, 2002
3. M-045-55-T02 from May 31, 2002, to October 31, 2002

These milestones were initially defined in Change Request M-45-98-03. Public comment has been received on that Change Request but Ecology has not yet completed action. As discussed and agreed with your staff, we are requesting approval for the revised milestone dates set forth in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 376-6421, or Robert Yasek, ORP Program Office, at (509) 372-1270.

Sincerely,

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