



0063437

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
3100 Port of Benton Blvd • Richland, WA 99352 • (509) 372-7950

January 10, 2005

Mr. Roy J. Schepens, Manager
Office of River Protection
United States Department of Energy
P.O. Box 450, MSIN: H6-60
Richland, Washington 99352

RECEIVED
JAN 25 2005
EDMC

Dear Mr. Schepens:

Re: Approval of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO)
Change Package M-45-04-05

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and reviewed the above referenced HFFACO Change Package. While Ecology does not agree that each basis for the extension request constitutes force majeure pursuant to paragraph 145 of the HFFACO, Ecology agrees that the series of events described in the change package includes sufficient information to establish "good cause" for a three-month extension in the referenced milestones, pursuant to HFFACO paragraph 120.E. Therefore, Ecology is approving the above referenced HFFACO Change Package.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Cusack at (509) 372-7891.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Wilson
Program Manager
Nuclear Waste Program

cc: Moussa Jarayssi, CH2M Hill
Kathy Tollefson, CH2M Hill
Jeffrey Hertzell, FHI
Ron Morrison, FHI
Angela Almaraz, INNOV
Stuart Harris, CTUIR

Pat Sobotta, NPT
Russell Jim, YN
Todd Martin, HAB
Ken Niles, ODOE
Administrative Record: M-45
Environmental Portal

RECEIVED

JAN 13 2005

DOE-ORP/ORPCC