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Dear Ms. Smith:

STATUS AND PATH FORWARD FOR HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-026, TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT ACTION PLAN CHAPTER 9, PRIMARY DOCUMENT REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 HANFORD SITE MIXED WASTE LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTIONS FULL REPORT, DOE/RL-2015-08, REVISION 0

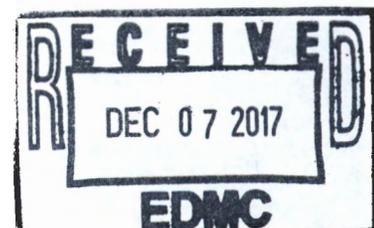
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This letter provides status for Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-026, Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan Chapter 9, primary document review process for the "Calendar Year 2014 Hanford Site Mixed Waste Land Disposal Restrictions Full Report, DOE/RL-2015-08, Revision 0," transmitted by the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on April 30, 2015.

Per RL letter 17-AMRP-0246, the current schedule to complete comment response is March 16, 2018. The letter also indicated that the comment response schedule be evaluated in mid-December 2017 for possible extensions.

Since Ecology and RL have not interacted for several months regarding comment response (due to higher priority work and other considerations), the timeframe for the next interaction is unclear, and in preparation for the mid-December schedule evaluation, RL proposes, with Ecology concurrence, to convene a M-026 Project Manager's Meeting (PMM), on December 13, 2017, to discuss a completion path forward and associated schedule.

Please advise RL, at your earliest convenience, if the proposed PMM schedule will work for Ecology.



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If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Al Farabee, of my staff, on (509) 376-8089.

Sincerely,


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