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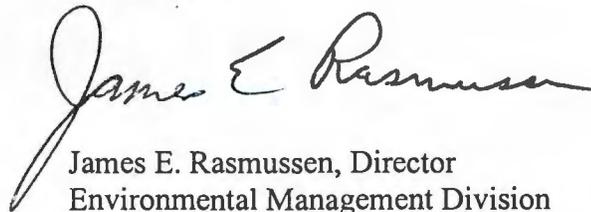
Dear Mr. Wilson:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) REJECTION OF CHANGE REQUEST (CR) AND
SUBMITTAL OF REVISED CR FOR M-46-01H

Based on the discussion between Roger Stanley, State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Mary Burandt, DOE Office of River Protection on December 3, 2001, we are rejecting your change package signed on November 29, 2001. Ecology stated that the information concerning Ecology's position in ongoing negotiations on the M-62 recovery plan was inadvertently added to Ecology's CR M-46-01H and not an effort to influence or advance ongoing negotiations. We are submitting a CR (Attachment), which includes all the previously agreed on information but deletes reference to ongoing negotiations on the M-62 recovery plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mary Beth Burandt, Environmental Management Division, (509) 373-9160.

Sincerely,


James E. Rasmussen, Director
Environmental Management Division

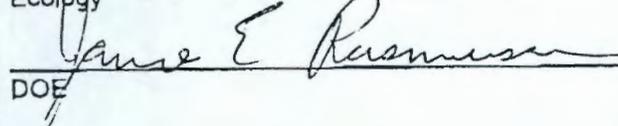
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Attachment

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TPA Administrative Record

Change Number M-46-01-01	Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Change Control Form Do not use blue ink. Type or print using black ink	Date November 29, 2001
Originator Ecology		Phone
Class of Change <input type="checkbox"/> I - Signatories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> II - Executive Manager <input type="checkbox"/> III - Project Manager		
Change Title Modification of <u>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO)</u> milestone M-46-01H in order to allow coordinated review of the need for additional tank storage space, including review of DOE's <u>Single-Shell Tank Retrieval Sequence and Double-Shell Tank Space Evaluation (RPP-8554 Rev 0)</u> .		
Description/Justification of Change This modification extends the due date for interim milestone M-46-01H until March 15, 2002. Concurrently, Ecology is extending the period for their review of DOE's <u>Single-Shell Tank Retrieval Sequence and Double-Shell Tank Space Evaluation (RPP-8554 Rev 0)</u> . Concurrent consideration of these two activities is warranted in order to allow adequate review time, and to aid in the development of a more cohesive waste retrieval and tank storage space strategy. Delays in the construction of the Waste Treatment Complex (WTC) that arose when ORP terminated the contract with a private firm led the Director, Washington Department of Ecology, to issue a Final Determination on July 26, 2001, that disapproved ORP's Change Form M-62-01-02 to change the date to initiate construction. With the Final Determination, the Director required ORP to submit a recovery plan to document actions and schedules that ORP would propose to implement the HFFACO requirements. ORP submitted the Recovery Plan as scheduled. Ecology provided DOE comments / proposed modifications on November 16, 2001. Negotiations have commenced with the objective of reaching tentative agreement prior to public comment. Ecology Change Form M-45-01-03, dated November 16, 2001, was prepared to resolve inconsistencies between HFFACO milestone M-45 series requirements, completion schedules within the ORP contract No. DE-AC27-01RV14136, and the ORP baseline schedule. Included in the Change Form were proposed Milestones M-45-05G through M-45-05L. These Milestones proposed additions of a third and a fourth tank for initial waste retrieval, which will require integration of ORP's projections for creation of double shell tank space and the proposed sequence of single shell tank retrieval with negotiations for retrievals. Extension of Milestone M-46-01H is required to allow the parties to address double shell tank space creation/use as part of the negotiations. This change request reflects Ecology's intent to address the need for double shell tank space within the context of the ongoing Recovery Plan negotiations.		
Impact of Change This change request Modifies <u>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO)</u> milestone M-46-01H by extending it until March 15, 2002.		
Affected Documents The <u>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order</u> , as amended, including HFFACO Action Plan Appendix D, and Hanford site internal planning, management, and budget documents (e.g , DOE and DOE contractor Baselines, Baseline Change Control documents; Sitewide Systems Engineering Control documents; Project Management Plans; and the Hanford site Integrated Priority List (IPL)).		
Approvals		
 Ecology	11/29/01 ✓ Date	Approved _____ Disapproved _____
 DOE	12/01/01 Date	Approved _____ Disapproved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
N/A EPA	_____ Date	Approved _____ Disapproved _____

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November 29, 2001

Description/Justification of Change (continued)

Following review by Ecology, and discussions between the parties, DOE and Ecology have agreed to extend the due date for Ecology's response regarding the need for additional tank storage space (milestone M-46-01H). **Modification of the M-46-01H milestone by approval of this M-46-01-01 Change Request is depicted here as ~~shaded~~ additions, and ~~strikethrough~~ deletions.**

MS Number	Milestone Description	Due Date
M-46-01H	CONCURRENCE OF ADDITIONAL TANK ACQUISITION. THE THREE PARTIES SHALL MEET TO ESTABLISH NEW MILESTONES, IF REQUIRED, FOR ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL TANKS.	11/30/01 11/30/02