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Dear Mr. Wilson:

HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT), CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-32-99-01 ADDRESSING INTERIM MILESTONE M-32-08 AND TARGET DATE M-32-08-T01, INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

On June 21, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) with a change control form, for Interim Milestone M-32-08 and Target Date M-32-08-T01, requesting deletion of the "Complete Grout Interim Status Tank Actions" from the M-32-00 series. The fourteen-day period has expired without a formal response from Ecology which constitutes disapproval of the request per the requirements of Agreement Action Plan Section 12.3.3.

As a result of Ecology's disapproval of the M-32-99-01 change control form, RL hereby gives notice of its election to initiate dispute resolution as set forth in Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII.

RL looks forward to working collaboratively and amicably with Ecology to resolve your concerns regarding the request to delete the Grout Interim Status Tank Actions commitments from the M-32-00 series. If you have questions, please contact me on (509) 376-6888.

Sincerely,

George H. Sanders, Administrator
 Hanford Tri-Party Agreement

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