

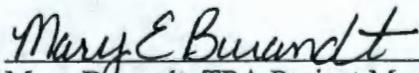
EXTENSION TO HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGE REQUEST M-45-02-02, "COMPLETE RENEGOTIATION OF SECOND PHASE (i.e., SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015) SINGLE-SHELL TANK (SST) WASTE RETRIEVAL ACTIVITIES"

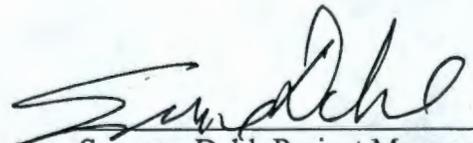
On February 12, 2002, the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology) notified the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) of its disapproval for Change Request M-045-02-02. On February 19, 2002, ORP initiated the dispute resolution process as set forth in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), Article VIII and Section 9.2.1. The parties are working to resolve this issue at the project managers' level during the informal dispute resolution period, and through parallel discussions that are taking place for the C3T "Tank Closure Demonstration Project". The parties are making meaningful progress in the C3T discussions, however, additional time is required to complete these activities. An extension of the dispute resolution period to May 15, 2002, is required so that discussions can continue at the project manager's level and in accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement. 56428

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