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Dear Mr. Sherwood:

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) TARGET DATE M-34-06-T01, "INITIATE K WEST BASIN SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL CANISTER CLEANING OPERATIONS"

This letter serves as formal notification that the Tri-Party Agreement target date M-34-06-T01 was not met by December 31, 2000. This target date requires the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) to "initiate K West Basin Spent Nuclear Fuel canister cleaning operations" by December 31, 2000.

The Spent Nuclear Fuel Project (SNF) has confirmed that the K West Basin canister cleaning system could be installed and operational by August 31, 2001. RL acknowledges EPA's disapproval of the Tri-Party Agreement Change Request M-34-01-01 (see letter to Phillip G. Loscoe from Laurence E. Gadbois, EPA, "Tri-Party Agreement Change Number M34-01-01 Dated December 4, 2000 to Delay Target Date M-34-06-T01," dated December 8, 2000). The Change Request describes the recovery plan for achieving canister cleaning. 54189

The SNF Project will continue to work on the canister cleaning system and will ensure that the canister cleaning is initiated by August 31, 2001. This delay will not impact ongoing work in the K West Basin, nor will it impact any other Tri-Party Agreement milestones.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Ellen Dagan of my staff on (509) 376-3811 or contact P. G. Loscoe, Office of Spent Nuclear Fuels on (509) 376-7465.

Sincerely,

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