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November 18, 2009

Mr. Mark S. French, Federal Project Director  
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United States Department of Energy  
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Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestone M-016-51-T01

Reference: See page 2

Dear Mr. French:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed your letter asserting the completion of HFFACO Milestone M-016-51-T01 (reference). As stated in your letter, completion of the milestone is defined as "contamination has been excavated from the waste site as determined by the relevant Interim Action Record of Decision." Until Ecology reviews and concurs on the Cleanup Verification Package, it is premature to state the milestone is complete. Our review could result in additional excavation to remove remaining contamination. Ecology is sure that the United States Department of Energy-Richland (USDOE-RL) would agree that the milestone is not complete if additional excavation is required.

At this time, Ecology cannot agree with USDOE-RL that this milestone is complete. Per the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA), target milestones are not enforceable, so we do not anticipate further discussion on this issue. When we believe this milestone is complete, we will inform USDOE-RL at a TPA milestone quarterly review or through a letter.

If there are any questions, contact me at 509-372-7941 or Mandy Jones at 509-372-7916.

Sincerely,

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Reference: Letter 10-AMRC-001, dated November 3, 2009, from M. S. French, USDOE-RL,  
to D. A. Faulk, USEPA, and J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "Completion of M-016-51-T01,  
'Complete Excavation of 1 of 5 100-H Burial Grounds, by December 31, 2009' "

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