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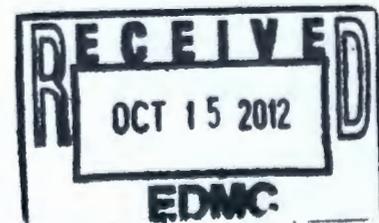
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**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF HANFORD  
 FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI PARTY  
 AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-16-12-01**

In accordance with Tri-Party Agreement Articles VIII.F and XVII.I, the U. S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) a Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form (M-16-12-01), signed by RL on September 14, 2012. The letter notified the agencies that RL would not be able to meet the milestone schedules for **M-016-00A**, **M-016-55**, or **M-016-145** and provided a change control form proposing extension of these 3 milestones as well as the addition of nine new milestones addressing waste site remediation in the 100 Area. Although discussions of this change are included under the Agreement In Principal signed by the Tri-Parties on August 2012, the agreement provides only for an agreement on an alternate process of negotiation. This letter invokes the dispute resolution allowed for pursuant to the Tri-Party Agreement. RL believes that resolution of these milestones is being achieved through the ongoing milestone negotiations. Once the Tentative Agreement has been approved by the three parties, this dispute will be considered resolved.



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 M-016-55  
 M-016-145

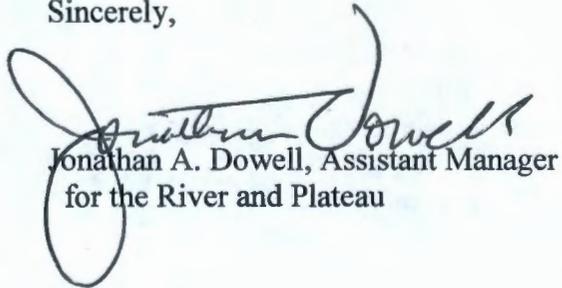
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mark French of my staff, on (509) 373-9863.

Sincerely,



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