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COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-91-13

This letter notifies the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the completion of Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-91-13, which requires the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), to "initiate disposal of contact handled low-level mixed waste". On September 15, 1999, Trench 34 of the 218-W-5 Burial Ground (Trench 34) changed operational status from a "greater-than-90-day container storage facility" to a disposal facility. Approximately 182 cubic meters of waste is disposed in Trench 34. Additionally, an August 27, 1999, letter to Ecology advises that on September 15, 1999, Trench 34 will be a disposal facility (a permitted Subtitle C landfill), while Trench 31 of the 218-W-5 Burial Ground will continue to be a "greater-than-90-day container storage facility".

This Interim Milestone M-91-13 completion date is more than one year and eight months ahead of the Tri-Party Agreement required date of June 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-6888, or Todd A. Shrader, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-2725.

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