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Dear Mr. Wilson:

INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR M-091-12

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), is in receipt of the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) determination dated January 12, 2001, received January 17, 2001, that RL has not complied with Hanford Federal Facility Agreement Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-091-12. 54318

Pursuant to Article VIII Resolution of Disputes, paragraph 30 of the Tri-Party Agreement, RL objects to Ecology's determination and is by this letter notifying Ecology in writing of that objection. RL will make reasonable efforts to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology within 30 days at the project manager level.

RL looks forward to working with Ecology on developing an integrated Waste Management strategy, including the initiation of thermal treatment for mixed low-level waste. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at (509) 376-9333, or Ellen Dagan, of my staff, at (509) 376-3811.

Sincerely,

Clifford E. Clark, Acting Program Manager
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