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Dear Messrs. Willison and Speer:

Re: Sampling Date Changes

The Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) requires the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) to give the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) five days notice of sampling events. In the past, this notice has been late. Since Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) instituted the new system of the five-day notification letter, Ecology notification of sampling events has gone well. Prior notification has allowed Ecology staff to plan and prioritize their work loads. However, there is a weak link in this chain.

During the past six months, Ecology has not been notified of changes to agreed sampling dates. Because of various USDOE/WHC scheduling problems, a number of sampling events were postponed. This has resulted in Ecology not receiving adequate notification of postponed events and of the new sampling dates per the TPA five-day notice requirement.

It is required that Ecology personnel receive sufficient notification, and notification of any changes. When Ecology is not notified of a change, it disrupts scheduled work loads, increases costs, and prevents Ecology from taking sample splits that may have been scheduled and budgeted for the program.

If sampling events need to be rescheduled, Ecology requests that a telephone call be made to Greta Davis, at 736-3025, or Billie Mauss, at 736-3008, at the earliest possible time. If

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possible. Ecology should be given five days prior notification of the new sampling date. I would like to suggest that perhaps the sampling team performing the event do the notification. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (509) 736-3000.

Sincerely,

Dave Nylander
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