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Dear Mr. Sanders:

Re: Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), December, 1997, Milestone M-90-01

This is in response to your letter, dated March 13, 1998, "Submit Interim Storage and Disposal Immobilized Low Activity Waste (ILAW) and Interim Storage Immobilized High Level Waste (IHLW) Project Management Plans (PMP)." Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) agrees to delay the changes to the PMP documents (HNF-1517 and HNF-1751) until U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) can incorporate the impact, if any, of decisions on the privatized treatment of tank waste and the results of detailed work planning. Since the present schedule for the submittal of the privatization Part B is for October 1998, Ecology will require the updated versions of HNF-1517 and HNF-1751 by the end of Fiscal Year 1999.

Ecology also accepts the disposition of the comments, but reserves the right to further discuss the comment on page 22, Section 5.5. Ecology feels there is a better way of stating that Savannah River Site Saltstone Disposal Facility and the proposed disposal of ILAW at Hanford accomplish the same tasks, but are in reality not similar.

Additional comments to HNF-1751 are:

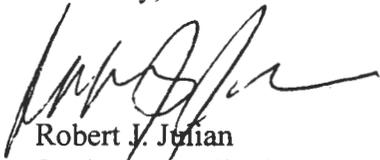
1. Page 10, Section 4.5, 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence – the sentence can be interpreted to mean each individual "HLW product" is to have an interface control document. Suggest it be stated as "specific to each phase of the HLW product".

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2. Page 17, Section 8.0, 1st sentence – the sentence references Table 3 for projected cost but Table 3 is TPA milestones. There is no table with projected cost. Add the necessary table.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me on 736-5702.

Sincerely,



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