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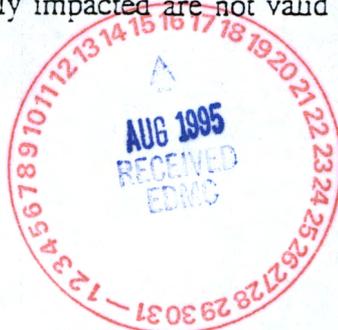
Dear Mr. Thompson

RE: REQUEST FOR DUE DATE CHANGES OF HIGH-LEVEL WASTE (HLW)
VITRIFICATION HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT
ORDER (TRI PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONES M-51-02 AND M-51-03.

Please note that I am in receipt of your July 24, 1995 letter requesting approval of Tri Party Agreement (TPA) high level waste vitrification milestones. Specifically, you have requested approval of Change Request M-51-95-01, dated May 31, 1995. Though this change request was submitted in draft form, approval would not be appropriate and this request is hereby disapproved. 41722

I note that adequate information was not provided to allow evaluation of impacts to the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) critical path as described in TPA Action Plan Section 11.7. This section requires that the Department of Energy (Energy) take all appropriate action(s) to correct schedule slips in critical path activities. Asking to change the due date of milestone M-51-03, Initiate Hot Operations of the High Level Waste Vitrification Facility, by six months (from December 2009 to June 2010) does not appear warranted. In fact, I fail to understand how a six month slip in a nearly 15 year schedule cannot be addressed by some type of corrective measure. I would appreciate your views on this matter, and ask that you forward any documentation pertaining to corrective actions being taken, or documents detailing why this schedule is no longer recoverable.

I also note that unilateral decisions by DOE to reallocate funds and modify scope such that milestone completion dates are negatively impacted are not valid reasons for project delay.



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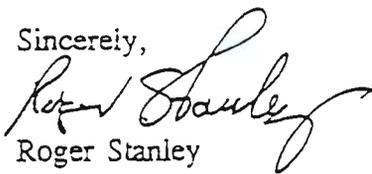
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Finally, I find it very disappointing that during top level management discussions on privatization of Tank Waste Remediation System initiatives (which are expected to expedite schedules) DOE has elected to request delays to these very same milestones. As a result, it is unclear what course of action DOE is committed to, and proceeding under.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Toby M. Michelena at (360) 407 7108 and 407-7144 respectively.

Sincerely,



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