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Dear Mr. Wilson:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (HFFACO) CHANGE PACKAGE M-83-01-02, INITIATE PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT (PFP) TRANSITION/DISPOSITION COMMITMENTS

This letter documents the completion of the commitments that were agreed to in Change Package M-83-01-02. The change package delayed PFP negotiations from June 2001 to November 2001, and required that the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, (RL):

1. Review, prepare and submit to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), a breakout of HFFACO (section 8) decommissioning process requirements with a description of actions taken or to be taken at PFP to meet such requirements;
2. prepare its draft PFP Management Plan (or a mutually acceptable equivalent) and shall make such publicly available;
3. jointly with Ecology, plan and conduct tribal/stakeholder information sessions oriented at providing concise descriptions of PFP workscope and expected negotiation issues; and
4. the Parties further agreed to initiate formal negotiations no later than November 1, 2001.

RL met the four commitments defined in the change package and initiated formal negotiations with Ecology on October 31, 2001, which completed the change package. RL appreciates the support and professionalism displayed by Ecology's staff throughout the PFP negotiation planning process, and looks forward to working with Ecology in developing a values and interest based PFP transition/disposition change package.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jon K. Yerxa, of my staff, on (509) 376-9628.

Sincerely,



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