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Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestone M-45-02M,
"Update SST Retrieval Sequence Document"

Reference:

1. Letter dated August 31, 2006, from R. J. Schepens, USDOE-ORP, to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "Request for Extension for Submittal of Single-Shell Tank (SST) Retrieval Selection and Sequence Document, RPP-21216, Revision 1-B, Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestone M-45-02M" 0070771
2. Letter dated May 25, 2006, from J. J. Lyon, Ecology, to R. J. Schepens, USDOE-ORP, "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Milestone M-45-02M, 'Update SST Retrieval Selection and Sequence Document' " 0069782

Dear Mr. Schepens:

The Department of Ecology received your letter dated August 31, 2006 (Reference 1). The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) failed to submit the required update by August 31, 2006. However, you requested a second extension on August 31, and Ecology will grant an additional extension ending December 24, 2006. We do not agree that USDOE should associate the document revisions to any Retrieval and Storage Team recommendations. The strategy sessions (Retrieval and Storage Team meetings) discussed in Reference 2 are not the proper forum for discussion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) milestones. The goal of those meetings is to support development of a baseline that "reflects agreed upon scope for closure/cleanup actions."

We would like to meet with USDOE by November 9, 2006, to finalize resolution of deficiencies in the *Single-Shell Tank (SST) Retrieval Selection and Sequence Document*, RPP-21216, Revision 1-B, and to continue the comment resolution process as outlined in Section 9.2 of the HFFACO. In that meeting, we will clarify the requirements to meet the HFFACO Milestone



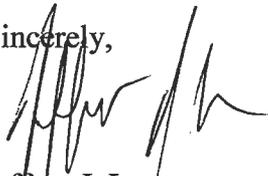
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M-45-02M, and resolve Ecology comments. As of November 1, 2006, the information provided in RPP-21216, Revision 1-B does not meet the minimum requirements of this milestone (Reference 2). Following this meeting, Ecology will require the submission of an updated document for final review within 45 days. No further extensions will be granted.

We look forward to meeting with your staff in support of your efforts to revise the primary document and meet the requirements of Milestone M-45-02M.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 509-372-7914.

Sincerely,



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