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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Target Date M-91-05-T01, "Complete and Submit Transuranic/Transuranic Mixed (TRU/TRUM) Retrieval and Processing Facility Engineering Study/Functional Design Criteria Study to Ecology", by December 31, 2002

At the Tri-Party meeting on October 22, 2002, the United States Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) staff reported that target date M-91-05-T01 will not be met, stating in their report:

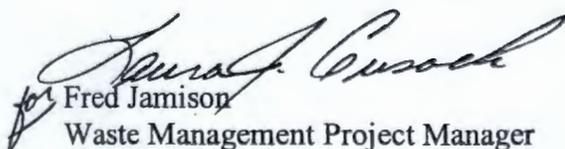
"It is DOE's position that this target will be missed, that the facility is not required until 2013 and, therefore; these studies are not required until 2006 at the earliest. This target has been discussed in the context of M-91 dispute. ***However, this target is not formally part of that dispute and is still enforceable.***" (Bold italics added for emphasis.)

As of this date, Ecology has not received these studies. As a result, Ecology has determined that DOE-RL has missed completing target date M-91-05-T01.

This letter serves as notification to you that Ecology expects these studies will be recovered as part of continuing M-91 negotiations to address the new agreement reached on December 13, 2002, concerning Hanford TRU waste management.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Fred Jamison at (509) 736-3022.

Sincerely,


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