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April 13, 1999

Mr. George H. Sanders, Administrator
Hanford Tri Party Agreement
U. S. Department of Energy
P. O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352



Dear Mr. Sanders:

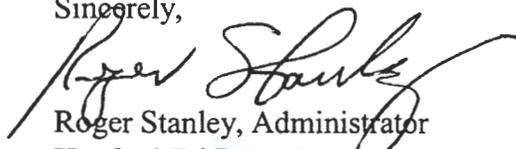
The Nuclear Waste Program has been requested by a number of stakeholders to conduct a public meeting in Hood River, Oregon addressing the parties': (1) proposed consent decree and associated Tri-Party Agreement changes governing DOE's High-level Radioactive Waste Tank Interim Stabilization Program, and (2) TPA changes regarding initial corrective actions at the Single-Shell tank farms (under milestone M-45-00). Agreement has been reached that a single meeting will be sufficient for both issues.

Current planning has scheduled this meeting for Wednesday evening, May 12, 1999, in Hood River, Oregon. However, because our originally scheduled corrective action Change Request comment period has expired, this will require that the parties commit to accept comments received at our May 12 meeting, and to formally incorporate them as part of our public comment record prior to Change Request finalization. I am consequently asking that you approve (by your signature below) DOE's commitment to provide technical support to Ecology in the development and conduct of our Hood River meeting, and that comments received will be accepted into the record and given due consideration.

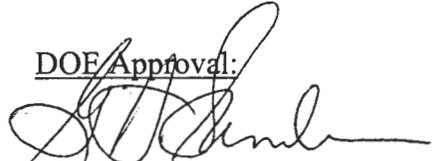
This request does not effect in any way Ecology's commitment to negotiated Agreement modifications or their implementation, including actions taken in the near term.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,


Roger Stanley, Administrator
Hanford Tri Party Agreement

DOE Approval:


George Sanders, Administrator
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cc: Doug Sherwood, EPA Region 10

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