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Dear Mr. Stanley:

In response to your letter of March 13, 1992, I wish to assure you of the Department of Energy's continued commitment to the letter and spirit of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement or TPA).

The Department of Energy (DOE) and Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) are aggressively pursuing the development of technically sound and achievable schedules leading to the disposal of Hanford tank wastes. WHC has informed DOE that the schedules which were included in the Rev. A Integrated Decision Plan dated February 14, 1992, would not be achievable regardless of funding. As a result, WHC has recommended modifications to those schedules. The revised schedules have been included in the Revision B Integrated Decision Plan which was issued for comment on March 27, 1992. We will be discussing those changes with you in detail during our Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) meeting on April 21, 1992.

We are in the process now of identifying our near-term funding needs to support the Hanford commitments. As previously discussed, DOE is maintaining its ability to meet the December 1999 hot startup of the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plan (HWVP) while conducting the 15-month TWRS rebaselining study. This includes taking steps to provide funding to support actions leading to the HWVP hot startup.



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I am hopeful that when we meet on April 21, we will be able to further discuss your concerns and to discuss those actions that the DOE might take to address those concerns.

Sincerely,



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