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Ms. Dru Butler, Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Butler:

### PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER NO. DE 91NM-177

In 1992, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) elected to use an offsite laundry facility to clean the worker protective clothing used at the Hanford Site. A contract has been awarded to Interstate Nuclear Services Corporation to provide offsite laundry services for the Hanford Site. A new laundry facility located in Richland's Science and Industrial Park is nearing completion.

As a result of granting a contract for an offsite laundry facility, plans to build a new Decontamination Laundry Facility (DLF) onsite were terminated. Change Request Number M-17-05A to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) deleted interim Milestones M-17-35, M-17-35A, M-17-35B, M-17-35C, and M-17-35D which were related to the new DLF. In March 1993, the second modification to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Consent Order No. DE 91NM-177 (Consent Order) was approved which deleted the February 1993 milestone for start of construction of the new DLF.

The March 1993 Consent Order modification also included the following condition:

"The parties also agree to complete negotiations, by July 15, 1993, for deletion or modification of the remaining milestones for the new decontamination laundry facility as provided in Section 8: Interim Operating Restrictions and Impact Assessments, Table 6, New Decontamination Laundry Facility/B-Pond System. The date for the negotiations may be extended if agreeable to both parties."

In order to maintain consistency between the Tri-Party Agreement and the Consent Order, as required by Section 1.IV of the Consent Order, it is necessary to delete the remaining new DLF milestones from the Consent Order. RL is submitting for Ecology approval a proposed modification to the Consent Order which will satisfy this requirement. Ms. Melodie Selby and Mr. Dave Nylander of your staff previously provided verbal agreement with the proposed modification.

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The proposed modification also provides a commitment to start offsite laundry activities by January 1994, a year earlier than the new laundry currently identified in the Consent Order.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. C. E. Clark of RL on (509) 376-9333, or Ms. P. J. Davis of the Westinghouse Hanford Company on (509) 372-3084.

Sincerely,

*Robert G. Holt*

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with Section 90.48 RCW and the )  
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MODIFICATION OF  
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To: United States Department of Energy  
Richland Operations Office  
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I. MODIFICATION

In accordance with Section 1.V, Page 3, of the above referenced Consent Order, the parties agree to a modification which will revise a portion of the following section:

1. Revise Section 8: Interim Operating Restrictions and Impact Assessments, Table 6, New Decontamination Laundry Facility/B Pond System as follows:

Delete the "New Decontamination Laundry Facility/B Pond System" in the "EFFLUENT STREAM and/or DISPOSAL SITE" column. Also, delete associated milestones and other entries in the remaining Table 6 columns for the "New Decontamination Laundry Facility" including:

- "Discharge to the 216-B-3 Pond System in support of construction test procedures may be initiated with Ecology approval by 4/93" in the "Interim Operating Restriction" column
- "Complete construction of Decontamination Laundry Facility by 10/94" in the "Interim Operation Restriction" column
- "Initiate full scale hot operations at the Decontamination Laundry Facility with discharge of BAT/AKART implemented effluent to 216-B-3 Pond System by 1/95 provided discharge is consistent with the closure schedule and strategy within any Ecology approved 216-B-3 Pond System Closure Plan" in the "Interim Operation Restriction" column
- "Cease all decontamination laundry facility discharges to B Pond by 6/95" in the "Interim Operation Restriction" column
- "W-049H" in the "PROJECT or STREAM TYPE" column
- "No" in the "IMPACT ASSESS (Y/N)" column.

2. Revise Section 8: Interim Operating Restrictions and Impact Assessments, Table 6, 2724-W Laundry Waste Water/216-W-LWC Crib as follows:

Add to the "INTERIM OPERATING RESTRICTIONS" column: "Initiate sending laundry to an off-site contracted laundry facility by 1/94."

All other terms and conditions contained in the Consent Order remain in full force and effect.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at  
Kennewick, Washington.

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Dave Nylander  
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