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EXTENSION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER MILESTONE M-24-00L

On March 10, 2000, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), rejected the State of Washington, Department of Ecology's (Ecology) proposed Change Request M-24-00-01, which sought to establish Calendar Year 2000 Interim Milestones under Major Milestone M-24-00L for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) groundwater well installation and invoked the dispute resolution provisions under Article VIII of the Tri-Party Agreement. Ecology and RL approved a 16 day extension (through April 25, 2000) on April 5, 2000. Discussions continue between Ecology and RL; therefore, the period during which RL and Ecology seek resolution of the dispute is extended 28 days (April 25, 2000 to May 23, 2000) at the Project Manager level.

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