



**EXTENSION AT THE PROJECT MANAGER LEVEL FOR THE HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) DISPUTE REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-62-21-01**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) initiated the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order or Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) dispute resolution process with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) under TPA Article VIII, Resolution of Disputes, paragraph 30, and Article XL, Good Cause for Extensions, paragraph 124, on February 16, 2021 (reference DOE letter [21-TF-000637](#)).

On April 29, 2024, the Parties announced an agreement in the form of a [Settlement Agreement](#) with proposed changes to the TPA, and conducted a 90-day public comment period, which began on May 30, 2024 and concluded on September 1, 2024. The Parties are drafting the response to comments document, which is anticipated to be issued in December 2024.

This 30-day extension will allow the Parties to consider formally adopting proposed TPA changes, including draft TPA Change Control Form M-62-24-03, which addresses interim Milestone M-062-45-A in the Settlement Agreement. Pending this process, DOE and Ecology agree to extend the period of dispute resolution for TPA Change Control Form M-45-19-02 at the project manager level from December 31, 2024 until January 31, 2025. The Parties anticipate issuing TPA Change Control Form M-62-24-03 in January 2025.

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