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Dear Mr. Ceto:

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, RICHLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE (RL) ON HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-016-03H "COMPLETE REMEDIATION OF THE WASTE SITES IN THE 300 FF-1 OPERABLE UNIT . . ."

RL, EPA and Bechtel Hanford, Inc., met on December 12, 2002, to discuss Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-016-03H "Complete Remediation of the Waste Sites in the 300 FF-1 Operable Unit to Include Excavation, Verification, and Regrading, including the 618-4 Burial Ground in Accordance With an Approved Remedial Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan."

This is to inform you that RL is currently on track to meet the December 31, 2003, due date. However, the City of Richland and the Benton County Board of Commissioners have raised concerns regarding industrial redevelopment in the 300 Area. Mike Goldstein, of your staff, suggested that the parties look into these concerns, and if necessary, modify the M-016-03H milestone either by extending the due date or changing the scope, depending on what evolves in discussions with the City of Richland and the Benton County Board of Commissioners. Based on the outcome of additional discussions in January 2003, a formal change request will be submitted as needed.

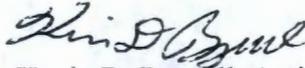
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If you or your staff have any questions regarding this request, please contact Owen Robertson, of my staff, on (509) 373-6295.

Sincerely,



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