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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager
Nuclear Waste Program
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF HANFORD
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY
AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-89-12-01

On June 14, 2012, the U. S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) a Class I Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form (M-89-12-01) signed by RL. The change control form proposed addition of interim milestones and extension of the M-089-00 Milestone due date from September 30, 2012, to a "To Be Determined" date. RL has not received a response to the proposed milestone extension and therefore RL considers the change request is disapproved by Ecology. The purpose of this letter is to invoke dispute resolution with Ecology pursuant to Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII.30.

RL will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the Project Manager level. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mark French of my staff, on (509) 373-9863.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A. Dowell, Assistant Manager
for the River and Plateau

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