



Tri-Party Agreement

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Dear Mr. Martin:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON M-45 CHANGE PACKAGE

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Reference: HAB letter from T. Martin to H. Gnann, ORP, and L. Cusack, Ecology, "M-45 Change Package," dated January 28, 2005.

The U.S. Department of Energy, State of Washington Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Tri Party Agencies) would like to thank you and the Hanford Advisory Board for taking the time and effort to provide input on the proposed schedule changes to Tank Waste Retrieval Negotiations (M-45-00C).

Tri Party Agencies agree that the negotiation schedule should provide logical, aggressive, and realistic schedules, and the schedules should be based on the most recent retrieval and sequencing information. Based on that premise, the Tri Party Agencies will revise the milestone language. M-45-00C negotiations will still start on September 30, 2006, and conclude within four months to support newly negotiated Single Shell Tank Waste Retrieval and Closure Activities for the period February 2007 through August 2008.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Laura Cusack, Ecology, (509) 372-789 or Howard Gnann, ORP, (509) 376-5365.

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