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Dear Mr. Wilson:

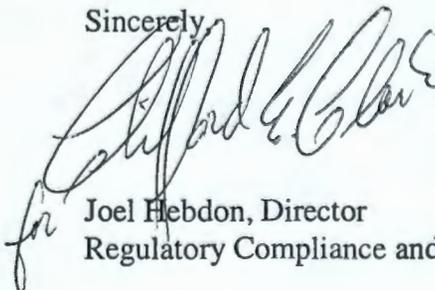
TRANSMITTAL OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-91-18, T PLANT SLUDGE STORAGE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN DOCUMENT (CDD)

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Enclosed is the T Plant Sludge Storage CDD (HNF-7639, Rev. 0) which represents the baseline system requirement. Transmittal of the CDD fulfills the requirements of Interim Milestone M-91-18. As with all design efforts, the design is expected to change some as it progresses. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) is assessing changes in packaging in an effort to remove the sludge from the K Basins in a more cost-effective manner. These changes, if deemed feasible, would necessitate a baseline change request and should affect the container design and means of storage, but would not affect the concept or the schedule for storing the sludge in T Plant.

The M-91-18 indicates that the CDD will be utilized in establishing additional M-91 milestones, leading up to the readiness of T Plant to receive K Basins sludge. Based on the CDD and discussions with the State of Washington Department of Ecology on May 18, 2001, it was agreed to by the parties that the existing milestones for receiving the sludge at T Plant (M-91-19-T01, M-91-20, M-91-21-T01, and M-91-22) are sufficient to satisfy the M-91-18 requirements for additional milestones. This is based, in part, because there are no other logical breaks in activities leading to T Plant's ability to receive the sludge where new milestones could be established. If you have any questions, please contact me, or you may contact Ellen Dagan, of my staff, on (509) 376-3811.

Sincerely,

for 

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Enclosure

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