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Dear Messrs. Sherwood and Stanley:

**TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT MILESTONE M-15-21**

Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-15-21 requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submit a Proposed Plan for the 200-BP-5 Operable Unit by October 31, 1995. The purpose of this letter is to provide formal notification to the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the potential impact to this milestone. In a May 15, 1995, National Priorities List (NPL) Agreement/Change Control Form, the three parties (unit managers) agreed to evaluate the need for further actions after evaluation of the Treatability Test Report. The report is due to Ecology and EPA on August 25, 1995, leaving only 60 days until the proposed plan is due to Ecology and EPA.

The 200-BP-5 Unit Managers expect to reach a consensus within this limited timeframe. DOE will not begin preparation of the proposed plan, or take further action, until that consensus is reached. If an action is warranted at this time, the milestone will be met. If, after evaluation of the treatability test report, the three parties determine no action is necessary at this time, DOE will not issue a proposed plan as recommended by EPA. Therefore, DOE deems it necessary to notify both EPA and Ecology of the potential change to the current M-15-21 milestone.



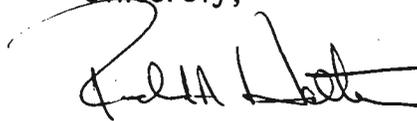
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If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Paul Beaver, EPA, on 376-8665, Ms. Donna Wanek, DOE, on 376-5778, or Mr. Chuck Cline, Ecology, on (206)407-7135.

Sincerely,



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