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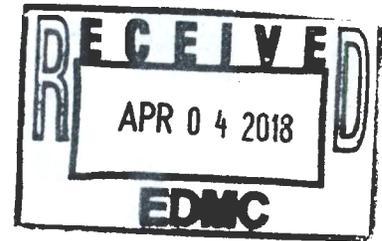
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Dear Messrs. Wilson and Sherwood:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AND CONSENT ORDER MILESTONE M-82-03,
"COMPLETE REMOVAL OF ORGANIC SOLVENT WASTE FROM THE B PLANT CANYON"

This letter provides notification of completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-82-03, "Complete Removal of Organic Solvent Waste from the B Plant Canyon," due June 30, 1997. Removal of the organic solvent from B Plant included placing the organic in Resource Conservation and Recovery Act compliant outside tank storage on March 7, 1997, as prescribed in the Tri-Party Agreement milestone, four months ahead of schedule.

This is a significant accomplishment. Completion of this work resulted in a large reduction of potential risks to the workers and the public. Removal of the organic from B Plant is an important precursor to other deactivation activities. Over 20 support systems are cleared for immediate shut down.

In addition to meeting the milestone for removal of the organic from the canyon, the organic was decontaminated from an activity of greater than 72,000 curies to less than 1 curie. This significant reduction of the activity provides a large step toward preparation of a path forward for disposal of the organic.

If you have any questions, please contact David T. Evans on (509) 373-9278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Sanders".

George H. Sanders, Administrator
Hanford Tri-Party Agreement

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cc: See attached list