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MILESTONES IN THE HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER PLACED "IN ABEYANCE" DURING THE SYSTEM PLAN 8 NEGOTIATIONS

On May 29, 2019, Director Bellon proposed that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) enter into 6-9 months of negotiations in order to develop a holistic approach to the tank waste mission at Hanford. In light of this Ecology request, DOE proposes that the milestones listed below that were placed in abeyance during the System Plan 8 negotiations should continue in that status during the upcoming negotiations. These milestones relate to the tank waste mission. DOE believes initiating the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order's dispute resolution process regarding these milestones would not be productive as it would create a separate negotiation process on a different schedule.

If Ecology disagrees with DOE's proposal to maintain these milestones in abeyance, this letter constitutes DOE's notice that it is initiating the dispute resolution process pursuant to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order's Article VIII, Paragraph 30, and Article XL, Paragraph 124. DOE will make a good faith effort to resolve this dispute with Ecology.

The milestones are:

M-047-00
M-047-07
M-062-31-T01
M-062-32-T01
M-062-33-T01
M-062-34-T01
M-062-45
M-062-45-T01
M-062-45-ZZ
M-062-45-ZZ-A
M-090-00
M-090-13

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