



**Department of Energy**  
Richland Operations Office  
P.O. Box 550  
Richland, Washington 99352

19-SGD-0029

**JUN 06 2019**

Ms. Alexandra K. Smith, Program Manager  
Nuclear Waste Program  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
3100 Port of Benton Boulevard  
Richland, Washington 99354

Dear Ms. Smith:

**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD  
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY  
AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-85-18-01**

On May 20, 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) a Class II Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form M-85-18-01, transmitted by RL (19-SGD-0025). The change control form proposed extension of the due date for Interim Milestone M-085-70 from September 30, 2019, to September 30, 2022. RL has not received a response to the proposed milestone extension and therefore considers the change request as disapproved by Ecology. The purpose of this letter is to invoke dispute resolution with Ecology pursuant to Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII Resolution of Disputes, Paragraph 30, and Article XL Good Cause for Extensions, Paragraph 124.

RL will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the Project Manager level.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact, Mike Cline, of my staff, on (509) 376-6070.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. F. Hamel".

William F. Hamel, Assistant Manager  
for the River and Plateau

SGD:MWC

cc: See page 2

Ms. Alexandra K. Smith  
19-SGD-0029

-2-

**JUN 06 2019**

cc: J. Atwood, YN  
S. G. Austin, CHPRC  
D. B. Bartus, EPA  
J. Bell, NPT  
S. L. Brasher, MSA  
R. Buck, Wanapum  
C. E. Cameron, EPA  
L. Contreras, YN  
S. W. Davis, MSA  
D. R. Einan, EPA  
T. Q. Howell, Ecology  
M. Johnson, CTUIR  
S. Leckband, HAB  
N. M. Menard, Ecology  
K. Niles, ODOE  
S. N. Schleif, Ecology  
Administrative Record (M-085-70, 200-CB-1)  
Environmental Portal