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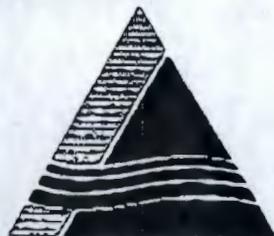
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EXTENSION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION TO JUNE 15, 2002, TO RESPOND TO HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (HFFACO) CHANGE REQUEST # M-91-00-03 (FOR HFFACO MILESTONE M-91-01), CHANGE REQUEST # M-91-00-04 (FOR HFFACO MILESTONE M-91-03), AND ASSOCIATED DISPUTE RELATED CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE AGENCIES.

An extension to June 15, 2002, is agreed to by the parties in order to continue dispute resolution discussions at the Inter Agency Management and Integration Team (IAMIT) level. Issues associated with this M-91-00 series dispute include, but are not limited to issues that the parties' negotiators have agreed warrant the involvement of agency executive management in order to aid efforts to resolve this dispute. Specifically, three issues have been identified: i) consideration of the advisability of incorporating schedules assuring the shipment of Hanford site transuranic wastes to DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, ii) consideration of the advisability of incorporating language relating to DOE's recent "small sites" proposal regarding potential Hanford site acceptance of transuranic wastes from other locations within the DOE complex, and iii) consideration of the advisability of the incorporation of provisions related to DOE and DOE site contractor accountability in implementing requirements established as a result of the parties' dispute resolution efforts.

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