

Tri-Party Agreement

**Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order**

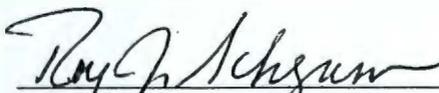
**EXTENSION OF THE TIME PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE OF FINAL DETERMINATION  
REGARDING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S (DOE) CHANGE REQUEST M-45-02-02  
"COMPLETE RENEGOTIATION OF SECOND PHASE (I.E., SEPTEMBER 30, 2006,  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015) SINGLE-SHELL TANK (SST) WASTE RETRIEVAL  
ACTIVITIES"**

On February 12, 2002, the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology), notified the U. S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) of its disapproval of HFFACO change request M-45-02-02. On February 19, 2002, ORP initiated the dispute resolution process as set forth in HFFACO Article VIII. On March 20, 2002, Ecology and ORP (the Parties) extended the dispute resolution period at the project managers' level to May 31, 2002. On May 31, the Parties again extended this dispute at the project managers' level to June 21, 2002.

The Parties did not resolve the dispute by June 21, and the dispute was therefore elevated to the Interagency Management Integration Team (IAMIT), pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, Paragraph 30(A). Because the Parties were unable to resolve the dispute within 21 days of elevation to the IAMIT, a 14-day period commenced for the Director of Ecology to issue a Final Determination pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, Paragraph 30 (D). The Director's Final Determination was due on July 26, 2002. The Parties agreed that additional time for discussion was in the Parties' best interest, and consequently extended the period allotted for issuance of a Director's Final Determination through Wednesday, July 31, 2002.

The Parties' continue to make significant progress toward resolution, and hereby agree that additional time for discussion is in the Parties' best interest. Pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, paragraph 30 (E), the parties hereby agree to extend the period allotted for issuance of a Directors' Final Determination through Thursday, August 15, 2002.

AGREED TO THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> Day of July, 2002

  
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