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Dear Mr. Alexander:

COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION TARGET DATE, M-16-01E-T2, INITIATE PRE-TREATMENT AND REMOVAL OF ALL N REACTOR FUEL STORAGE BASIN WATERS PURSUANT TO THE N REACTOR DEACTIVATION PROGRAM PLAN BY APRIL 30, 1998

This letter is to formally notify the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) that the subject target date was met on June 15, 1998. Please be advised that verbal notification was made to Mr. Staats of your staff on June 15, 1998, and he has been kept apprised of the continuous progress. This target date was established under the auspice of Tri-Party Agreement interim milestone, M-16-01E, "Complete N Reactor/100N Area Deactivation".

Target date M-16-01E-T2 was established as April 30, 1998, however, initiation of the water removal activity was impacted by additional scope and difficulties during the final hardware and equipment removal activities. Despite the delayed start, the forecasted completion date for the dewatering activity fully support timely completion of Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-16-01E by July 31, 1998. The water removal activity has continuously improved, primarily due to excellent coordination and teamwork between the N Area Project and the Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF). As of July 1, 1998, approximately 800,000 gallons of water have been removed from the N Basin (~80% complete) and shipped to the ETF for treatment.

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Questions on this matter can be addressed to Mr. Pak at (509) 376-4798.

Sincerely,

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