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Mr. Michael A. Wilson, Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

NOTIFICATION THAT HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND
CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) INTERIM MILESTONE M-91-20,
"T PLANT IS READY TO RECEIVE THE FIRST CANISTER OF K BASINS FLOOR
AND PIT SLUDGE" WILL POTENTIALLY NOT BE MET AS SCHEDULED

This letter provides notification that the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) has determined that Tri-Party Agreement Interim Milestone M-91-20 will most likely not be met as scheduled. This interim milestone requires the completion of readiness activities at T Plant to support receipt of the K Basins sludge.

In order to complete this milestone, all facility modifications must be completed, the safety documentation approved, and the readiness activities completed. The facility modifications have been completed as documented in my letter to you, "Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Target Milestone M-091-19-T01," 02-RCA-0586, dated September 30, 2002. Unfortunately, continued uncertainty with characteristics of the sludge has delayed the completion of the safety documentation, which in turn will delay the readiness activities. RL is currently working with its contractor to develop a recovery plan and revised completion schedule for this work. By November 15, 2002, RL will submit to the State of Washington Department of Ecology this revised schedule along with a proposed change request for this milestone. ✓

If you have questions, please contact Todd Shrader, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-2725, or Jon Yerxa, of my staff, on (509) 376-9628.

Sincerely,

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