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**COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) MILESTONE M-16-70**

This letter is to notify you that on October 13, 2005, two groundwater monitoring wells, 199-F5-6 and 199-H4-5 were sampled, in support to the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment. This activity satisfies the requirements of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Milestone M-016-70 to "Begin Sampling to Support the 100 Area and 300 Area Component of the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment," by October 30, 2005.

As required by the Milestone, the sampling was to be performed in accordance with requirements presented in the approved "100 Area and 300 Area Component of the RCBRA Sampling and Analysis Plan" (DOE/RL-2005-42) (SAP). Issuance of the approved SAP had been scheduled for September 20, 2005, but is now planned for issuance in late October 2005 because additional time has been required to adequately resolve SAP review comments and revise the document accordingly. However, on September 9, 2005, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Washington Department of Ecology authorized sampling in support of the milestone to proceed even though the approved SAP has not been issued. On this basis, the October 13, 2005, groundwater well sampling was performed, satisfying Milestone M-016-70 requirements more than two weeks ahead of schedule. The groundwater samples have been shipped to offsite laboratories for analysis.

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If you have any questions, please contact John Sands, of my staff, on (509) 372-2282.

Sincerely,



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