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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Completion of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Interim Milestones M-46-00H and M-45-02, Single-Shell Tank Retrieval Sequence and Double Shell Tank Space Evaluation Report, RPP-8554, Rev. 0

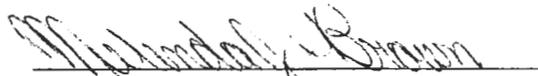
The Nuclear Waste Program of the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is reviewing the aforementioned report (RPP-8554) for accuracy and completeness. By this letter, Ecology is providing the United States Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) written notification that the comment period for review of RPP-8554 will be extended to March 6, 2002.

By the provisions of the Tri-Party Agreement, Attachment 2, Section 9.2.1, Figure 9.1, Ecology must review and provide comments on any primary document within forty-five (45) days of receipt, unless Ecology, by written notice, extends the comment period for a specified period of time. For the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2001 submission, the Single Shell Tank Retrieval Sequence Document, which is a primary document, was submitted in a single report with the Operational Waste Volume Projection Report. Ecology received the combined document on October 3, 2001. Review of the retrieval sequence document would therefore be required by November 19, 2001. Review of the Operational Waste Volume Projection Report and determination of the need for new tanks is required by Tri-Party Agreement milestone M-46-01H by November 30, 2001. By this letter, Ecology is extending the review period of the retrieval sequence portion of the submittal and proposing the modification of the milestone due date for M-46-01H. The enclosed Change Form M-46-01-01 provides explanation for the milestone extension.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or the enclosed Change Form, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3027.



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M-46-01-01

November 16, 2001

**Description/Justification of Change (continued)**

Following review by Ecology, and discussions between the parties, DOE and Ecology have agreed to extend the due date for Ecology's response regarding the need for additional tank storage space (milestone M-46-01H). **Modification of the M-46-01H milestone by approval of this M-46-01-01 Change Request is depicted here as shaded additions, and strikethrough deletions.**

<b>MS Number</b>	<b>Milestone Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
M-46-01H	CONCURRENCE OF ADDITIONAL TANK ACQUISITION. THE THREE PARTIES SHALL MEET TO ESTABLISH NEW MILESTONES, IF REQUIRED, FOR ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL TANKS.	<del>11/30/01</del> 1/15/2002

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