



**U.S. Department of Energy  
Hanford Site**

21-AMRP-001904

June 7, 2021

Mr. David B. Bowen, Program Manager  
Nuclear Waste Program  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
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Dear Mr. Bowen:

**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD  
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY  
AGREEMENT) CHANGE CONTROL FORM M-15-21-01**

On May 24, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) provided the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) a Class II Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Form M-15-21-01, transmitted via email to [NWPmail@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:NWPmail@ecy.wa.gov) (per Interagency Management Integration Team Determination 2020-011). The change control form proposed extension of the due date for Interim Milestone M-015-112 from November 30, 2020, to August 31, 2025. RL has not received a response within the 14-day TPA time frame to the proposed milestone extension, and therefore RL considers the change control form as disapproved by Ecology. The purpose of this letter is to invoke dispute resolution with Ecology pursuant to Tri-Party Agreement Article VIII, Resolution of Disputes, Paragraph 30, and Article XL, Good Cause for Extensions, Paragraph 124.

RL will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the Project Manager level.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mike Cline, Director, Soil and Groundwater Division, on (509) 376-6070.

Sincerely,

**William F. Hamel**

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