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Dear Mr. Niles:

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT MILESTONE CHANGE PACKAGE FOR THE PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT TRANSITION AND SELECTED DISPOSITION MILESTONES

Thank you for submitting the Oregon Office of Energy's comments on the draft Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Change Package. Your comments were incorporated into the enclosed comment and response document. The document is available at www2.hanford.gov/ARPIR/ (select "Advanced Search" and type in Accession Number "D9178421") and can also be accessed electronically at the U.S. Department of Energy's Information Repositories.

The Tri-Parties appreciate your input on the proposed changes to the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) for PFP. The agencies gave your comments serious consideration. Although not fully incorporated into the TPA change package, we believe the TPA milestones and Initiative 3 outlined in the "Performance Management Plan for the Accelerated Cleanup of the Hanford Site," (DOE/RL –2002-47/Rev. D) address the majority of your concerns on accelerating the schedule for PFP, carbon tetrachloride plume remediation, and the below-grade structures. A more detailed response to your comments and concerns is provided in the enclosed document.

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The Tri-Party Agencies appreciate the continued involvement and support of you and your staff in PFP activities. If you need further information or assistance please contact the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, Public Involvement Manager, Yvonne Sherman on (509) 376-6216.

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