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Dear Messers Huntoon, French and Klein:

RE: Final Determination pursuant to the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) in the matter of Hanford site high-level radioactive tank waste treatment capacity acquisition, tank waste treatment and associated tank waste work requirements:

This letter follows expiration of the time allotted for HFFACO dispute negotiations in this matter between the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). Enclosed, please find Ecology’s Final Determination in this matter pursuant to HFFACO Part Two, Article VIII, Paragraph 30 (D), our May 24, 1999 Agreement In Principle (AIP), and our subsequent November 15, 1999 “Agreement on Principal Regulatory Commitments Pertaining to Hanford Tank Waste Treatment Complex Construction and Operations.”


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Sincerely,

(Original signed by T.F.) (Original signed by C.C.)

Tom Fitzsimmons Chuck Clarke
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(As issuing Agency) (As Oversight Agency in support of Issuance)

Enclosure (1)

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    Tank waste and LDR Administrative Records