

**CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT
REGARDING
SHUTDOWN OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY (FFTF)**

In accordance with the requirements of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO), the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) (the Parties) have concluded the negotiation of HFFACO requirements for FFTF transition activities pursuant to HFFACO Section 8 (Facility Decommissioning Process). Tentative Agreement has been reached as documented within the enclosed draft M-81-02-01 Change Request. On approval, these HFFACO requirements will govern the transition of reactor systems and facilities to a safe and environmentally sound condition.

Subject to public comment and revision as may be appropriate, finalization of the Parties' M-81-02-01 Change Request is anticipated by October 31, 2002.

The Parties will submit the proposed change package for a 45-day public comment period expected to run from early September, 2002 through mid-October 2002. Following conclusion of the public comment period, a response to comments document will be prepared and issued, and the Change Request will be modified as appropriate prior to approval by the Signatories

Agreed-to this 31st day of July, 2002.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY THOSE NOTED BELOW ON JULY 31, 2002.

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