

Tentative Agreement on Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent  
Order (HFFACO)  
Negotiations for the Management of Hanford RCRA and CERCLA Wastes  
(HFFACO Milestone Series M-091 and M-016)

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, have concluded negotiations for the management of Hanford RCRA and CERCLA wastes under HFFACO Milestone Series M-091 and M-016. The enclosed HFFACO Change Requests Nos. M-91-03-01 and M-16-03-03, in conjunction with the October 2003 Settlement Agreement, were developed by, and found mutually agreeable to, the Parties.

Final approval by the Parties is subject to public comment and appropriate change request modifications, if necessary. A 45-day public comment period is scheduled to run from approximately November 15 to December 30. Following conclusion of the public comment period, a response to comments document will be prepared and issued, the change request will be modified if appropriate and will be approved by the signatories. On approval, the requirements of Change Request Nos. M-91-03-01 and M-16-03-03 will be incorporated into the HFFACO.

In the event that the Parties are unable to agree on changes, if any, to Change Request Nos. M-91-03-01 and M-16-03-03 as a result of comments received during the public comment period, then no Party shall be obligated to sign or approve Change Request M-91-03-01 or Change Request M-16-03-03, and this Tentative Agreement shall be null and void.

Signed the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2003.

**ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THOSE INDICATED ON OCTOBER 23, 2003.**

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