

**TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS
FOR THE PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT PROJECT**

In accordance with the requirements of the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Agreement in Principle, the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (Parties) have concluded negotiations on the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Section 8 commitments for transition and selected disposition activities for PFP.

Tentative agreement has been reached and a proposed change package was developed in accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement. The parties found the proposed Tri-Party Agreement Change Request mutually acceptable. The parties intend for this change package series of milestones to measure progress and ensure safe disposition of hazards associated with PFP. The PFP milestones as described in this change package are considered by the three Parties to be a comprehensive pathway to a safe and stable endpoint.

The proposed Tri-Party Agreement change package is included as an attachment to this Tentative Agreement. Subject to public comment, a decision on the PFP Tri-Party Agreement Change Request is anticipated by July 31, 2002.

The parties will submit the proposed change package for a 45-day public comment period to run from early June 2002 through July 17, 2002. Following conclusion of the public comment period, a response to comments document will be prepared and issued, the change request will be modified as appropriate and a Conclusion Agreement will be approved by the Signatories. Following approval, the PFP Tri-Party Agreement Change Request will be incorporated into the Tri-Party Agreement.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2002.

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