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Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Change Request for the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF), August 16, 2002

Dear Mr. Farabee and Ms. Cusack:

The Oregon Hanford Waste Board discussed the Tri-Party Agreement Change Package for the Fast Flux Test Facility at its recent meeting. We are encouraged that you are proceeding with implementation of Secretary Abraham's final order to shutdown the Fast Flux Test Facility.

We encourage you to deactivate and decontaminate the Fast Flux Test Facility as expeditiously as possible. Repeated studies have shown the reactor no longer has a viable mission. Maintaining the reactor in standby has cost hundreds of millions of dollars and severely divided those of us who otherwise work together on Hanford cleanup issues.

The Board urges you to remain focused on implementing Secretary Abraham's order. The proposed changes to the Tri-Party Agreement help you do that by creating enforceable deadlines for the work.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the change package.

Very truly yours,



Shelley Cimon
Chair

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