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Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
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Re: Environmental Cleanup at the Hanford Facility

To: Governor Locke, Attorney General Gregoire and Secretary Abraham;

I am writing to request that the U.S. Department of Energy and the state of Washington meet together to develop a resolution to the on-going litigation at Hanford site.

As the Mayor of the City of Richland, Washington and the Chair of Energy Communities Alliance, I focus on one important issue in this litigation—whether the environmental cleanup of the Hanford site and sites around the country are being completed. The stopping of work at the Hanford site creates a significant amount of uncertainty in my community and other communities throughout the country. The stopping of cleanup activities does not help either the state or federal government accomplish its goals. Further, stopping work impacts the speed at which the site will be cleaned up to ensure protection of human health and the environment in my community.

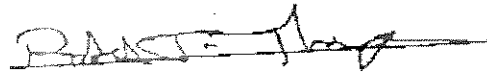
Currently, local governments are not included in the environmental remedy decision making and the federal facilities agreements. Hence, local governments do not have a formal role in the litigation except to try to ensure that the issues are resolved quickly. I request that the State, DOE, DOJ and EPA continue to meet and develop a quick resolution to the current impasse. We understand the arguments of all sides and we request that you each minimize the impact for local communities and workers and maximize the time and activities to clean up the

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Hanford facility and all facilities across the county. Energy Communities Alliance stands ready to assist both the state and the Department of Energy to accomplish their goals and to develop a resolution to the current litigation.

If I can be of any assistance in bringing the parties together, please contact me through Energy Communities Alliance directly at (202) 828-2317.

Sincerely,



Mayor Robert Thompson
Chair

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