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Dear Mr. Wagoner:

As the Chair of the Hanford Advisory Board, I am forwarding to you the following statement which was adopted by the Board at its meeting on September 9, 1994:

1. The Hanford Advisory Board has concluded that Environmental Restoration milestones for remediation and protection of the Columbia River once again are underfunded and will not be met based on an internal USDOE cap on ER funding.
2. It is apparent that USDOE has failed to request from Congress adequate ER funds to meet its legal obligations under the Tri-Party Agreement, even prior to renegotiation to accelerate remediation.
3. To respond to the values adopted by the Hanford Advisory Board and prior advisory committees, urging acceleration of efforts to protect the Columbia River and groundwater and achieve future use goals, the negotiations must result in an accelerated workscope and USDOE must honor its obligation to request necessary funds.
4. To meet values related to cleanup (such as: "Stop the spread of contaminated groundwater"; "Get on with it"; and "Protect the Columbia River") and achieve the goal of accelerating unrestricted public use of the Hanford Reach corridor, greater priority must be given to Environmental Restoration in the allocation of the \$1.5 billion appropriated by Congress for Hanford cleanup, by transferring funds, increasing efficiency or removing artificial bureaucratic barriers. This acceleration of cleanup should continue to meet the previously stated values to protect public and worker health and safety.
5. Questions about the validity of the Environmental Restoration cost estimates must not negate the significance of the workscope recently developed through the negotiation process.
6. The Hanford Advisory Board does not support renegotiation of the scope of work outlined in the current TPA negotiations solely because of budget reasons.
7. The Board recognizes that cleanup is a dynamic process and that milestones may be renegotiated as cleanup progresses. Renegotiated milestones within a budget year should not add more work (cost) unless something else is deferred.

Very truly yours,

Sue Gould, Chair
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