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RE: Consolidating Public Involvement Activities

Dear Messrs. Clarke and Wagoner, and Ms. Riveland:

As Chair of the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB), I am forwarding to you the following advice related to public involvement activities, which was adopted by consensus of the Board during its meeting on June 1 & 2, 1995 in Portland, Oregon:

The Hanford Advisory Board believes the process for reaching the broader public (beyond the Hanford Advisory Board) for the Hanford site needs to be more efficient, cost effective, and responsive to the needs of the citizens of the Northwest, and needs to relate to broad key issues onsite.

We recommend as a prototype effort that the Tri-Parties immediately consolidate public involvement activities on all TWRS-related activities, including but not limited to:

- TWRS EIS,
- privatization, and
- TPA milestones implications and related decisions.

The Tri-Parties should:

- use innovative methods of public involvement, and evaluate the results;
- work with the HAB Public Involvement Committee to choose and develop innovative methods to:
 - *inform the public*;
 - o get input from the public;
 - o evaluate public involvement results and make needed changes.

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The Board looks forward to your written response, as called for in our charter.

Very truly yours,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair Hanford Advisory Board

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