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RE: Defending the TPA in the Face of Emerging Legislative Initiative

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

During its meeting on June 1 & 2, 1995 in Portland, Oregon, the Hanford Advisory Board received information regarding proposed congressional legislative initiative that would limit the federal government's responsibility to clean up Hanford, to comply with other regulations and to involve the public in the decision-making process.. After expressions of concern and considerable discussion, the Board adopted the following statement of advice for the Tri-Party Agencies; and again directs your attention to the overview submitted with its Budget Advice (HAB advice #17.)

***The Hanford Advisory Board protests any and all actions which would allow the federal government to avoid its legal and moral obligations to fully clean and restore the Hanford site. On behalf of the citizens of the Northwest, we urge the three agencies to aggressively defend the integrity of the Tri-Party Agreement.***

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

Very truly yours,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board

cc: Thomas Grumbly, DOE  
Senator Bennett Johnston  
Senator Frank Murkowski

## Oregon and Washington Delegations

Attachment: Overview

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*HAB Consensus Advice #26*

*Subject: Defending the TPA in the Face of Emerging Legislative Initiative (Public Involvement Committee)*

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