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Subject: Hanford Site Wide Ground Water Remediation Strategy (HAB Advice #40)

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

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) adopted the following advice regarding the Hanford Site Wide Ground Water Remediation Strategy.

1. The HAB endorses the strategy for remediation of ground water stated in the Hanford Site Wide Ground Water Remediation Strategy and recommends it be incorporated into the Hanford Site Ground Water Protection Management Program.
2. The HAB recommends continuation of successful pump and treat programs for strontium-90 and chromium remediation in the 100 Area.
3. The HAB recognizes that the proposed experimental subsurface absorbant wall at N- Springs may afford long term protection to the Columbia River. However, the HAB is concerned that the barrier could conflict with environmental and cultural values. Budget pressures notwithstanding, funding for the ongoing successful pump and treat action should not be diverted to an unproven, experimental absorbant wall.

The HAB requests DOE continue to engage the public and the Environmental Restoration Committee so that they can continue to carefully review proposals for the proposed barrier wall action and provide updates on progress and bring findings to the Board.

We look forward to your written response as called for in our charter.

Very truly yours,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair
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