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Ms. Susan L. Leckband, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
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Dear Ms. Leckband:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE #203, PROPOSED DECADES OF DELAYS TO HANFORD CLEANUP FROM TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT JUSTIFIED

Thank you for providing advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) negotiations.

DOE will continue to consider the HAB's advice during our discussions with the regulators. Although we appreciate your interest in the proposed Hanford Lifecycle Report, that proposed report is part of the ongoing negotiations. If an agreement is reached, we look forward to input from the HAB and many others on the development of the report.

We also agree with you that it's critical to inform and involve the public when and if there is any agreement on changes to the TPA. The workshop we held at the start of these negotiations is an excellent model and resulted in good dialogue and improved understanding by all parties.

We appreciate your feedback and will continue to update you on our progress. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Lutz, DOE RL, at 376-4766 or Erik Olds, DOE ORP, at 372-8656.

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