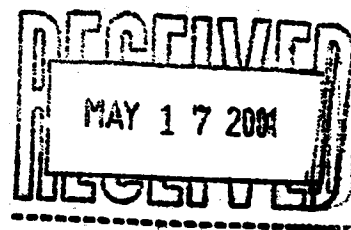




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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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Dear Mr. Martin:

**PROPOSED RIVER CORRIDOR CONTRACT AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES -
 HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) CONSENSUS ADVICE #115**

Thank you for the subject letter dated April 6, 2001. The interchange of ideas continues to be an effective tool that contributes significantly to the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office's (RL) decision-making process. The following clarifications are in response to your concerns:

1. RL intends that compliance with the portions of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri Party Agreement) that pertain to the River Corridor will be a requirement of the River Corridor contract.
2. Regarding the nature and scope of the proposed contract, our intent is to issue a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for public review and comment in advance of issuing the final RFP. This is a standard approach that RL uses to solicit comments from all interested parties. This process typically results in improving the quality of the final RFP.
3. In order for the Hanford 2012 Plan to be successful, it is likely that some adjustments may be required to the existing Tri-Party Agreement milestones. Consistent with the Tri-Party Agreement process, RL intends to consult with members of the stakeholder community, including the HAB, to arrive at an accommodation that satisfies as many parties as we can.
4. We agree that the closure contract concept requires well-defined and characterized projects with established end-points. RL will supply this definition as we develop our procurement process further. The end-points will be consistent with existing EPA Records of Decision for the River cleanup sites.
5. Full disclosure of impacts to milestones and regulatory requirements, for all Hanford Site cleanup participants resulting from the River Corridor contract activities, will be an essential element for ensuring the success of the Hanford 2012 Plan.

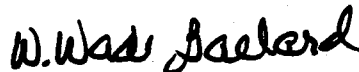
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If you want to discuss this matter further or require additional information, please contact James D. Kautzky at (509) 376-7093.

Sincerely,



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