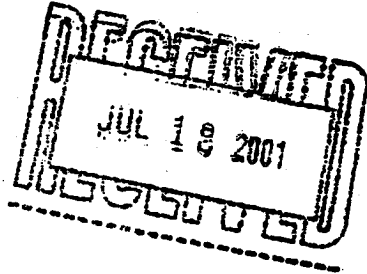




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Todd Martin, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Tri-Party Agencies regarding the 105-B reactor facility. We appreciate the Board's willingness to offer advice on important Hanford issues. Tom Fitzsimmons has asked that I respond directly to you.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is the lead for this particular matter, and we support their work on this project.

Ecology is following this issue, and we agree with the Board that, if possible, "cleanup and remediation at the 105-B facility {should} be accomplished in ways that would not preclude its future use as a museum and/or interpretive center" and that the preferred alternative identified by EPA – "Hazards Mitigation for Public Access" – is the preferable strategy.

We look forward to the outcome of the public participation process and the subsequent decision on the next actions for this facility.

Sincerely,

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