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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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Dear Mr. Martin:

**CONSENSUS ADVICE #142 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFSITE TRU WASTE AND #143
PRINCIPLES FOR M-91 NEGOTIATIONS**

We received your advice providing us your principles for M-91 negotiations (#143) and your concerns about use of Hanford for transshipment of offsite transuranic waste (#142). Thank you for spending a significant amount of time researching the complex subject of waste management, debating it, and developing consensus advice. We appreciate your work.

The U.S. Department of Energy is attempting to take a comprehensive look at waste issues across the nation. We understand and appreciate the Board's particular interest in waste activities at Hanford, and continue to consider the Board's advice in that regard.

As you may be aware, the State of Washington has issued a "director's determination" on M-91 and filed a lawsuit regarding importation of transuranic waste. Thus, these issues are now being addressed in other forums, so we will not provide specific responses to your advice at this time.

Thank you, again, for both pieces of advice. We plan to release the second draft of the Hanford Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement next month and hope you will review it carefully. If you need further information regarding this response, please contact the RL Public Involvement Manager, Yvonne Sherman on (509) 376-6216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith A. Klein".

Keith A. Klein
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