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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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1933 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 135
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Dear Mr. Martin:

**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE #156 – SITE TECHNOLOGY
COORDINATION GROUP**

Reference: HAB letter from T. Martin, HAB to R. Schepens, ORP Manager, and K. Klein, RL Manager, "Site Technology Coordination Group," dated April 2, 2004.

This letter is in response to HAB Consensus Advice #156, requesting the creation of an ongoing forum focused on science and technology needs for cleanup.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) agrees that stakeholders, the HAB, and other interested parties should remain apprised of science and technology developments to address near and long-term cleanup challenges at the Hanford Site. Further, those technologies are best discussed in the context of the programs or projects they will ultimately support. DOE believes it is most pragmatic to continue science and technology discussions as part of ongoing interactions with the HAB's Tank Waste and River & Plateau committees.

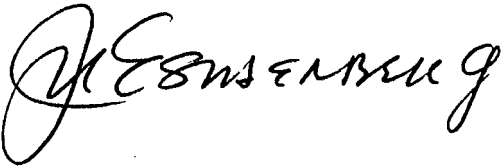
DOE is prepared to work with the HAB to better integrate timely science and technology information into the process for planning and developing Tank Waste and River & Plateau committee meetings. We appreciate the HAB's interest and involvement in science and technology needs, and we look forward to working with the HAB within the current committee structure to improve stakeholder access to information and decision making regarding this important subject.


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If you have any questions, please contact me, or you may contact Erik Olds, DOE Office of River Protection (509) 372-8656.



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