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Mr. Todd Martin Hanford Advisory Board 713 Jadwin, Suite 4 Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Consensus Advice #181: 200-UW-1 Waste Site Proposed Plan

Dear Mr Martin:

Thank you for the Board's letter of advice on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Proposed Plan for the 200-UW-1 Operable Unit, DOE/RL-2003-24. Ecology and the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) appreciate the continuing interaction with the Board, on this topic.

We are currently working with USDOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on a joint response to the Board's advice.

The advice has our full attention. If we are not able to provide an adequate and complete response from the Tri-Party Agreement agencies within the next 30 days, I have directed my staff to follow up this correspondence with our agency's response. If you need further information or assistance, please contact Nolan Curtis of Ecology at (509) 372-7954.

We appreciate the efforts of the Hanford Advisory Board. Please continue your important work in seeking solutions to the challenges of Hanford's cleanup.

Sincerely,

Jay J. Manning

Director

cc: John Price, Ecology