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Subject: Clarification of U.S. Department of Energy Letter Dated December 17, 1999, 100 Area Clean-Up Goals

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) requests further clarification of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland's (RL) position on the Inspector General (IG) Report which recommends that DOE-RL "seek to amend" Hanford Records of Decision (RODs) based on new land use designations in the Hanford Remedial Action-Environmental Impact Statement (HRA-EIS). Your letter to the Board of December 17, 1999, did not address this issue.

A clear understanding of DOE-RL's response to the IG's recommendations listed below is needed.

IG Recommendations:

1. Seek to amend the 1995 Interim ROD in order to achieve cleanup levels that are consistent with land use decisions, no later than issuance of the HRA-EIS ROD in November 1999; and,
2. Challenge future RODs having clean-up objectives that are inconsistent with projected land uses.

Does DOE-RL plan to challenge future RODs based on land use as outlined in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan?

Very truly yours,

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