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Subject: Movement of K-West Basin Spent Fuel

Dear Messrs. Klein, Hanson, Berglund and Schaffer:

Congratulations on safely and successfully initiating the operational phase of moving spent fuel from the K-West Basin. This is without question one of the most significant achievements since Hanford cleanup began in 1989.

The K-Basins project has been among the top Hanford priorities for the Hanford Advisory Board for many years. Until the waste is completely removed from the basins, the Columbia River and the region's economy remain at great risk. It is gratifying to realize we're now on the way to resolving one of the most serious threats posed by Hanford's wastes.

We recognize the tremendous technical challenges posed by the spent fuel, sludge, water, and the basins themselves. We commend the dedication, the ingenuity, and the perseverance of those who are responsible for this accomplishment.

We look forward to the final completion of this project.

Very truly yours,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair
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