

September 7, 2001

Mary Lou Blazek
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Dear Mary Lou,

For those of us involved in Hanford issues, when we hear "State of Oregon," we think, Mary Lou Blazek, a universally respected individual of integrity, knowledge, and class. We think of a tireless advocate for involving the public in Hanford decisions.

Your legacy can be seen in all our current efforts at Hanford. Through your involvement in the development of DOE's initial public involvement policy and implementation plan, you began the process of allowing the public to have input into Hanford cleanup. Your participation and input during the openness workshops were critical in further raising the standard of openness and accountability during cleanup. Your efforts during the early days of the HAB helped make this Board the effective public involvement forum it is today.

In addition to your tireless advocacy of public involvement, your technical expertise has been important to this effort. You were a critically important participant in the Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project and the Tank Waste Task Force.

Mary Lou, thank you. Thank you for strongly and fairly representing Oregon's interests and for striving to ensure citizens' opinions are heard and considered in Hanford decisions. Your intelligence, character, open-mind and hard work were critical in the formation, success, and longevity of the Hanford Advisory Board.

You will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,

Todd Martin, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

Cc: Jessie Roberson, U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters
Keith Klein, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office
Chuck Findley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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