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Re: Public Involvement White Paper

Dear Messrs. Klein, Boston, Findley, and Fitzsimmons,

From April through December 2001, the Hanford Advisory Board's (HAB) Public Involvement and Communication Committee conducted an evaluation of public involvement in the Hanford cleanup. The attached white paper on public involvement summarizes that evaluation, which took place through a series of meetings, conference calls, and electronic mail exchanges involving the committee membership, Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agency representatives, and facilitators. The white paper outlines a set of general principles for evaluating public involvement, summarizes existing Hanford public involvement activities, and comments on some of the relationships between the goals and existing activities.

The white paper has been considered by the full HAB and discussed at the December and February HAB meetings. At the February meeting, the HAB adopted the white paper as a document of record to help guide discussions, development, and implementation of existing and new public involvement

activities. We are forwarding the white paper to you for your review, comments, and potential future use.

Sincerely,

Todd Martin, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

This letter represents HAB consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.

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Attachment: Public Involvement White Paper