

July 11, 2002

Roy Schepens, Manager  
U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection  
P.O. Box 450  
Richland, WA 99352

Re: Waste Treatment Plant Concrete Pouring

Dear Mr. Schepens,

The Hanford Advisory Board extends heartfelt congratulations to the Department of Energy, Office of River Protection on pouring concrete for the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant. The Board has long looked forward to the day when this milestone would be achieved, and it is truly exciting to mark the occasion at last.

The Board especially wishes to express its gratitude to the individual workers who labored in 100-plus degree heat to pour the concrete.

The Board eagerly looks forward to more opportunities for congratulations on progress toward vitrification!

Sincerely,

Todd Martin, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board

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*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.*

cc: Jessie Roberson, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management,  
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