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Re: Risk-Based End States

Dear Messrs. Klein and Schepens,

The public, the Hanford Advisory Board (Board), Tribal Nations and stakeholder organizations have a long history and vested interest in what the Hanford Site will look like after cleanup is completed. From the work of the Future Site Uses Working Group in 1991, through the recent Exposure Scenarios Task Force in 2002, stakeholder values have been thoroughly discussed and presented. The process on how the site end state has been and continues to be defined is very important to everyone.

Consequently, the Board should participate in the development of the vision and strategy document called for in the recent Department of Energy-Headquarters (DOE-HQ) draft policy and guidance for Risk-Based End States.

It is unclear how Board and public participation in this process will be initially achieved and how the Board and the public will be engaged on a continuing basis. The Board is eager to participate in developing the process for Board and public involvement.

Additionally, the Board requests copies of the Hanford self-assessment of the current approach and level of compliance with the draft policy and guidance that is called for in the DOE-HQ draft, and Hanford's program plan for preparation of the vision/strategy document. These documents will be very helpful to the Board in this process.

The Board appreciates the invitation to participate in the recent Cleanup, Constraints and Challenges Team meeting. The Board would like to see this invitation

broadened to include any local effort that addresses the development of the vision and strategy document called for in the afore-mentioned DOE-HQ draft document.

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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