

June 4, 2004

Steve Skurla
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Re: WTP Permit Modifications

Dear Mr. Skurla,

The Department of Energy (DOE) has requested a modification to the Dangerous Waste Permit for the Waste Treatment Plant to reflect the two high-level/two low-activity waste melter (2 + 2) configuration and the elimination of technetium (Tc99) pretreatment. The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) has taken positions on these issues in advice numbers 139 and 146. The Board advised DOE to build the 2+3 melter configuration and advised Ecology to ensure the removal of Tc99 pretreatment receives a rigorous technical review. The Board submits these pieces of advice for review and inclusion as part of the public comment for this permit modification. (Please see attached.)

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.

Attachments: Board Advice #139 & 146

cc: Roy Schepens, Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection
Howard Gnann, Deputy Designated Federal Official, U.S Department of Energy
Michael Gearheard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Michael Wilson, Washington State Department of Ecology
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