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Re: M-45 Change Package

Dear Mr. Gmann and Ms. Cusack,

The M-45 change package currently out for public comment creates a logical disconnect by proposing a 15-month delay to milestone M-45-00C. The change package would require initiation of negotiations by September 30, 2006 and completion in 120 days for single-shell tank (SST) retrieval and closure activities for the period September 2006 to September 2008. In other words, the change package would require completion of negotiations for activities five months through the execution schedule for those activities.

**Comments**

SST retrieval and closure milestones should provide logical, aggressive and realistic schedules. Further, the agencies should be cognizant of this issue to ensure such disconnects do not happen again. A revised milestone M-45-00C should:

1. realign the negotiation schedule to logically drive negotiations for the 2006-2008 timeframe; and,
2. be based on recent retrieval experience and status.

Sincerely,



Todd Martin, Chair  
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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.*

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