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Re: Proposed Amendment to the Record of Decision for the Environmental  
Restoration Disposal Facility

Dear Messrs. Klein, Schepens, Kreizenbeck, and Manning,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) commends the Tri-Party agencies on their efforts in identifying commonalities between Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) waste disposal requirements. These were demonstrated in the proposed amendment to the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF). These efforts will go a long way toward optimizing Hanford disposal facilities while reducing previously duplicated administrative activities.

This kind of integrated process better serves the citizens of the Pacific Northwest and supports the Hanford cleanup goals.

The Board will have additional comments on the ERDF ROD amendment. They will be developed at the April Board meeting.

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.*

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