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Re: Tank Retrieval Progress

Dear Messrs. Schepens, Anderson, Manning and Aromi,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) once again commends the Department of Energy-Office of River Protection (DOE-ORP) and the Washington State Department of Ecology for their recent cooperation and progress on tank retrieval activities. Ecology informed the Board's Tank Waste Committee that DOE-ORP has achieved significant tank cleanup. Open communication has been a significant factor contributing to the progress. We continue to encourage, and be encouraged by, such agency cooperation toward Hanford tank waste cleanup.

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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