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Jay Manning, Director
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Re: Settlement Agreement re: Washington v. Bodman

Dear Messrs. Rispoli and Manning,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) congratulates the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Washington State Department of Ecology on the Settlement Agreement in Washington v. Bodman. The Tri-Party Agreement has been most successful when guiding cleanup in a spirit of cooperation between agencies. While confrontation is inevitable, cleanup progress is usually served when the agencies work in this spirit of collaboration, and the settlement agreement bodes well for continued agency work in such a spirit.

Many people worked hard to resolve differences between the State of Washington and the Department of Energy. They also came up with a plan for moving forward and developing a viable comprehensive environmental impact statement (EIS) for Hanford. We would like to express our appreciation to DOE Headquarters for their resolve to work through the issues and build a new spirit of cooperation between DOE and the State of Washington.

The Board looks forward to working with the agencies in the public review of the planned EIS.

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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