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Re: Proposed Tri-Party Agreement Modifications for Central Plateau Waste Site
and Groundwater Remediation

Dear Messrs. Klein, Schepens, Manning, and Ms. Miller,

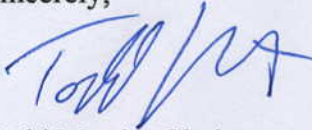
The River and Plateau Committee of the Hanford Advisory Board (Board) commends the Tri-Parties for their presentations and discussions of the proposed changes to the M-15 and M-13 milestones at our recent meeting. These changes are good steps in the right direction to arrive at appropriate final dispositions for the subject waste sites. We support supplemental characterization of many of the sites and identification of new individual milestones for delivery of the Feasibility Studies and the Proposed Plans for remediation for these sites. Collecting and analyzing additional characterization data will greatly assist the process of selecting the appropriate disposition path for these waste sites.

Transferring all of those waste sites (except for those in Operating Unit 200-UW-1) that are relatively small, shallow, and amenable to the Remove, Treat, and Dispose (RTD) approach from their existing Operating Units (OUs) into two new OUs (200-

MG-1 [under Ecology] and 200-MG-2 [under EPA]) will allow work on those sites to proceed as staff and funding levels permit, and should speed up cleanup actions. Showing actual cleanup progress on the Central Plateau is essential to retain public and Congressional support for the total cleanup program.

We understand that additional characterization is planned for the 200-BC cribs and trenches, which have been transferred into a new OU (200-BC-1), as well as preparation of a revised Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for those waste sites (Milestone M-015-51). We also understand that some additional characterization is planned for the waste sites identified in the 200-UW-1 proposed plan as candidates for capping. Evaluation of the new data from these waste sites will be helpful in determining if capping is the appropriate choice for their disposition by better defining the lateral extent of the contamination spread beneath the surface and the concentrations of radionuclides as a function of depth. We very much appreciate the additional characterization and analysis that will be performed for these sites to arrive at the optimum choices for their disposition. We also appreciate the agencies implementing Board advice.

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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