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Washington, D.C. 20585

Subject: Focus on 2006 Plan

Dear Mr. Alm:

The attached submittal outlines the preliminary comments from the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB), following our review of the current draft of the Focus on 2006 Plan. Considering the scope of the Plan and following a presentation by USDOE-HQ on Sept. 4, 1997, the HAB is very concerned about the absence of a clear administrative path for review, comment and implementation of DOE policy documents related to this draft as well as what comment opportunities will be provided before a final plan is adopted. Additionally, there is no clear coordinated procedure for the incorporation or disposition of comments submitted on related documents and activities such as the Contractor Integration Report, the National Dialogue and regional pilot workshops, and individual site implications of the National Action Plan and their various appendices and attachments.

The deficiencies described above severely undermine the ability for the public and SSABs to substantively comment on these extremely important and intimately connected initiatives. Therefore, the Board requests that the public comment period be extended.

We look forward to your response and to periodic progress updates on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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