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Mr. Randy Smith
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Dear Randy:

Congratulations on your new position as Director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water.

Your insightful identifications of the real core of issues will be sorely missed by the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB). On many occasions, the HAB benefitted from your clarity of thought and succinct descriptions to bring the Board back on track when its focus had become blurred.

As one of the visionaries behind the establishment of the HAB's predecessor, the "Future Site Uses Working Group," you helped lay the foundation for true public involvement in government decision making. The HAB and the citizens of the Northwest owe you a debt of gratitude for your contributions toward increasing public understanding of the risks at Hanford and the cleanup efforts currently underway.

As one of the original authors of the Tri-Party Agreement, you were instrumental in helping define progress toward cleanup at Hanford. The Board commits to you that we will continue to uphold the integrity of the Agreement and be vigilant in pushing the agencies to "get on with it."

We hope you, too, gained an increased awareness and appreciation for the involvement of the public in government decisions. Of course, in your new position as Director of Water - we wish you much success! Because protection of the Columbia River is a core value for both the Hanford Advisory Board and EPA's Office of Water, we are sure you will continue to keep watch on activities at Hanford.

We will miss you! Again, thanks for all you have done to further the cleanup of Hanford.

Sincerely,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

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