



## **Hanford Advisory Board**

### **Executive Meeting Summary**

**July 15-16, 1999**  
**Richland, Washington**

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#### **Discussion with Senior Managers**

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) held an open forum with senior managers to discuss major issues on site and to learn of upcoming organizational changes. Representatives included Keith Klein, Hanford site manager; Dick French, Manager of the Office of River Protection (ORP), Tom Fitzsimmons, Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology); and Chuck Clarke, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10.

The Board questioned U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) managers and regulators on their goals and views for the future of the Hanford site cleanup. Questions and discussions addressed policy issues in the new Office of River Protection, health and safety issues on site, progress in the K Basins, work at the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP), budget and funding issues, and inter-site relationships.

The HAB voiced concern over the new policies splitting decision-making authority between ORP and DOE-Richland (DOE-RL). Keith Klein explained the changes he proposed for helping the contractors to perform more work with the available resources.

#### **Advice on Fiscal Year 2000 Performance Agreements and Off-Site Waste**

The HAB adopted advice on the Fiscal Year 2000 (FY2000) performance agreements. The advice expressed the value that contract incentives drive progress on the site. The Board recommended that DOE-RL and DOE-Headquarters (DOE-HQ) work together to make sure that performance agreements meet this goal.

Advice was also adopted regarding off-site waste. The Board recommended that DOE charge generators the fully-burdened cost of disposal of radioactive and mixed wastes at Hanford. Currently, the generators pay only a set fee per cubic meter of waste for disposal that does not reflect the complete life-cycle costs of waste disposal at Hanford.

The Board began to address issues regarding the process for developing and adopting advice. It was suggested that the HAB Executive Committee look at the best way to convey the Board's message and develop a general format and procedure for writing advice. Several members expressed concern that some advice coming from the Board is not understandable to the general public and that the time and energy spend wordsmithing advice at HAB meetings could be better used and focused on other Board business.

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