



**U.S. Department of Energy
Hanford Site**

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Ms. S. L. Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
Enviroissues Hanford Project Office
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Dear Ms. Leckband:

UNIFORM SITE-WIDE SAFETY STANDARDS ADVICE #208

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) appreciates and agrees with the Hanford Advisory Board's advice on uniform site-wide safety standards. DOE previously incorporated requirements for the development and use of common safety processes and training into the recently awarded Tank Operations Contract and Plateau Remediation Contract, as well as in the upcoming Mission Support Contract.

In addition, Hanford contractors, working in collaboration with the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and DOE personnel, finalized a uniform site wide "Lockout-Tagout" process, which will allow all site contractors to use one Lockout-Tagout procedure and increase safety for the workforce. The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, Office of River Protection and Pacific Northwest Site Office and our contractors are also establishing a site-wide beryllium safety program.

DOE continues to look for ways to integrate our safety policies and processes. Worker safety and effective cleanup of the Hanford Site continues to be our top priorities.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Kim Ballinger, Office of Communications and External Affairs at (509) 376-6332.

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David A. Brockman, Manager
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Shirley J. Olinger, Manager
Office of River Protection

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