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Dear Messrs. Wagoner and Clarke, and Ms. Riveland:

On behalf of the Hanford Advisory Board, I am forwarding to you the following statement of concerns, which was adopted by the Board at the September 8 & 9 meeting:

The cleanup of contaminated sites and waste management practices on the Hanford site will have impacts on the community and the region environmentally, economically, culturally and socially. In as much as these impacts can be predicted, consideration should be given in the following areas of concern:

- Historic and cultural resources have value and should not be degraded or destroyed. Appropriate access to those resources is a part of that value.
- Workforce stability and reasonable stability in the demand for public services are important for the affected communities. In decisions on projects and contractors, consideration should be given to affected workforce and population shifts.
- Cleanup and waste management decisions should be coordinated with the efforts of the affected communities to shift toward more private business activity and away from dependence on federal projects that have adverse environmental or economic impact.
- The importance of ecological diversity and recreational opportunities should be recognized; those resources should be enhanced as a result of cleanup and waste management decisions.
- These concerns should be considered while promoting the most effective and efficient actions that will protect environmental quality and public health and safety now and for future generations.
- Cleanup activities should protect to the maximum degree possible the integrity of all biological resources, with specific attention to rare, threatened, and endangered species and their related habitat.

Very truly yours,

Sue Gould, Chair
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