



January 5, 1994

Mr. Thomas P. Grumbly  
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Dear Mr. Grumbly,

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) believes that in a time of budget cuts, it is essential to allow maximum site specific flexibility in the allocation of limited resources. This flexibility is needed in order to achieve the highest and best use of the funds for maximum levels of cleanup.

Artificial barriers currently exist in some portions of the DOE budget that prevent the movement of funds to achieve cost efficiencies or address higher priority problems and therefore impede environmental cleanup. Enclosed is a copy of our prior advice regarding removal of internal budget barriers to meeting Environmental Restoration obligations.

Therefore the HAB requests that within the constraints of the federal budget process you eliminate existing barriers and allow local operations offices more flexibility in order to proceed with cleanup in the most effective manner possible.

The Board looks forward to your written response as called for in its Charter.

Very truly yours,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Acting Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board

cc: Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs  
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*HAB Consensus Advice #12*

*Subject: Allow Site Specific Flexibility in Allocation of Resources (Dollars & Sense Committee)*

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