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Subject: Formation of an Openness Panel (HAB Advice #37)

Dear Mr. Wagoner:

During the Hanford Summit II sessions in 1994, Secretary Hazel OLeary endorsed the formation of an Openness Panel as a strategy for furthering communication, public participation, whistle blower protection and general understanding by the public and stakeholders of DOE plans and programs. It is recommended that the DOE work immediately with stakeholders to initiate activities to form and charter such an Openness Panel. The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) will be glad to work with the DOE in this action, and we expect that some members of the HAB, as well as other stakeholders, would participate on this panel.

The HAB has designated the Environmental Restoration Committee (chaired by Ralph Patt) to work with the DOE on this activity. Please advise Mr. Patt of your response regarding this recommendation, or to schedule further discussion.

We look forward to your written response as is called for in our charter.

Very truly yours,

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This advice represents HAB consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.

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