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Subject: New Funding Principle

Dear Secretary Peña and Mr. Wagoner:

The Hanford Advisory Board has had several long-running themes in its body of advice. One of the more important themes is an opposition to utilization of cleanup funds for non-cleanup activities. Recent funding items such as FFTF, medical monitoring, and the legal costs of past defense contractors, have heightened the Board's concern over funding of non-cleanup activities.

Given the Board's increased concern, the Board offers the following principles:

1. It is unacceptable for DOE-Headquarters to add "unfunded mandates" to DOE-Richland's budget.
2. It is unacceptable for DOE to fund non-Environmental Management activities with Environmental Management funds.

The Board expects that these principles will be considered in current and future funding decisions as critical items in obtaining Board support for the cleanup budget.

We look forward to your response and to periodic progress updates on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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