



[Advice # 100](#) From: Michael F. Gearheard

Ms. Marilyn Reeves, Chair  
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Dear Ms Reeves:

Thank you for the advice regarding how the agencies respond to Hanford Advisory Board advice. In your letter you raise three key points that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to address.

First, EPA agrees with your point regarding the need to continue providing written responses. As we stated in response to advice 93, we strive to use clear concise language in all of our correspondence even though this continues to represent an ongoing challenge for most of us. You request that when the advice stresses a value or principle we specifically address how this advice will be used to shape policy decisions. We believe it is a worthy goal, and we will make an effort to draw specific examples of where the Board's values influence EPA decisions.

We agree with your second point to make sure in the even that we cannot make a timely response we notify you of the situation and explain the reason for the delay. The third point in your letter is one EPA welcomes. A tremendous amount of dialogue goes into crafting your advice and providing time for the agencies to discuss our response to the advice at the board meeting is appropriate.

Sincerely,

/s/

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