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Ms. Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
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Dear Ms. Reeves:

INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS - HAB CONSENSUS ADVICE # 63

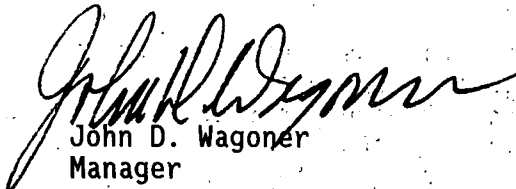
Thank you for your letter transmitting your proposed principles regarding the application of institutional controls as part of the environmental restoration and waste management activities at the Hanford Site. As you may know, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) has been actively engaged with our regulators and with the local governments, in discussions on how the institutional controls "tools" may be most appropriately and effectively employed in the Hanford clean-up. This has been a matter of nationwide concern for both DOE and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). RL, EPA and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) have additionally engaged in discussions with the General Services Administration (GSA), the federal agency with responsibility for federal lands which are no longer needed for the mission needs of the agency holding jurisdiction. These discussions have helped all of the involved agencies and governments come to a better understanding of the restraints and limitations on the use of institutional controls and the need for cooperation to ensure that these tools are effectively used.

The principles you have proposed are very consistent with the points we have identified in our discussions, and we appreciate your attempt to clarify a very difficult set of issues. We are sure that your efforts will help all of us communicate more clearly in the future.

In regard to your proposed principles, there is one point that I would like to address specifically. While your suggestion regarding using the 1100 Area as a test case for translating your principles into process appears to have merit, we would point out that DOE has not made a determination regarding the future of this area.

If there are any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Patrick W. Willison on 376-2028.

Sincerely,

  
John D. Wagoner  
Manager

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