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Ms. Merilyn B. Reeves Chair, Hanford Advisory Board 800 NW Sixth Avenue, Suite 342 Portland, OR 97209-3715

Dear Ms. Reeves:

We appreciate receiving a copy of your May 10, 1995 letter (Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #21) to Carol Henry regarding comments on the CERE report.

Generally Ecology agrees with the Board's comments in the letter. However, we probably have even stronger reservations than the Board about the use of the final CERE report for budgetary decisions because of its technical inadequacy

Ecology is particularly concerned that the CERE Interim Risk report fails to include several high risk operable units in the summary of representative operable units on page 2-20 of the report. Specific units omitted include the N-springs, 100-NR-2, 200UP-1, 200-BP-1, 200ZP-1 and contaminated groundwater units. For this reason, we do not believe the summary is representative of higher risks at Hanford.

Thank you for transmitting the Board's comments on the CERE report. If you have any additional concerns or questions, please contact Jerry Yokel, Chemist, at (509) 736-3009.

Sincerely,

Mary Riveland

Director

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Response to HAB Consensus Advice #21 (May 4, 1995) CERE Report From Ecology

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