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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
800 NW Sixth Avenue, Suite 342
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Dear Ms. Reeves:

The Department of Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency accept the consensus advice #25 of the Hanford Advisory Board regarding the need to be more efficient, cost effective and responsive to the citizens of the Northwest in our public involvement efforts. We believe the agencies need a process to reach the broader public and involve them in cleanup decisions at Hanford.

Currently we are investigating options for television and satellite broadcasts of public meetings. We hope this technology will become a catalyst for improving future public meetings and hearings on Hanford Cleanup issues.

We are planning to revise the Community Relations Plan for the Hanford site this fall. As part of that process, we hope to incorporate ideas suggested in the public involvement strategy, as well as other innovative ideas forwarded from members of the public and the HAB public involvement committee.

As always, we appreciate the Board's interest in public involvement activities and continue to welcome your interaction.

Sincerely,

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