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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
800 NW Sixth Avenue, Suite #342
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Ms. Reeves:

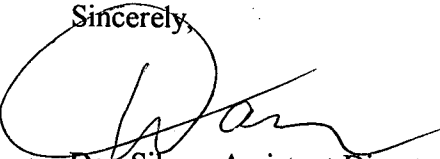
Ecology received HAB Advice #34 regarding the Waste Management PEIS and the U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) public involvement efforts. We want to provide the board with our thoughts on this issue.

Like the Board, Ecology is concerned by the lack of effort to integrate the impacts and alternatives for treating, storing, and disposing of nuclear materials and waste from the USDOE complex into one document. Through Jeff Breckel, Ecology's Congressional liaison, we are working with USDOE to establish a national dialogue on these issues. We are seeking comprehensive stakeholder participation in that process.

Ecology supports USDOE's efforts at innovative and cost effective public involvement through interactive television. Executed properly through adequate public notification, public education, and appropriate staff support, interactive television can be an effective tool to reach large audiences. USDOE's efforts on the Waste Management PEIS lacked involvement by the public prior to the television program. The audience was ill prepared to provide substantive comments on the document. We hope that USDOE will learn from these shortcomings.

Ecology will continue to work with the Board to ensure that an integrated public process is achieved and that resolutions be found for these complex national issues.

Sincerely,


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Thomas Grumbly
John Wagoner

Response to HAB Consensus Advice #34 (November 2-3, 1995)
Waste Management PEIS and Public Involvement
Letter from Dan Silver, dated December 8, 1995