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

Thank you for sending a copy of your advice letter #45, asking the U.S. Department of Energy to provide support for a tribal workshop on plutonium disposition issues. We concur with your reasoning on behalf of such a workshop.

As you know, the Department of Ecology, as a Plutonium Roundtable participant, is working with the Department of Energy and Roundtable organizations, including the Board, to host a public meeting on April 30, in Seattle. We have been in continuing contact with the Nez Perce Tribe to assure that the resource people, information resources, and advertising expense for the public meeting can be used, as appropriate, to support the tribal workshop.

We understand from our most recent discussion with the Nez Perce staff that USDOE has agreed to support travel for leaders of those tribes who participate in the Environmental Management Program surrounding a number of USDOE sites. This is a positive step in response to your advice.

Sincerely,

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