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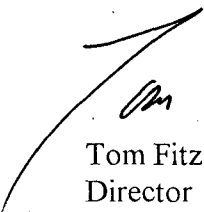
Ms. Marilyn Reeves, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
101 Stewart Street, Suite 1101  
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Ms. Reeves:

Thank you for your letter of December 5, conveying Consensus Advice # 60. We appreciate the Board's endorsement of the preferred alternative for decontamination and decommissioning of several facilities in Hanford's 100-B/C and 100-F areas.

Under the single regulator approach that was implemented following the 1995 St. Louis meeting, these areas are all within the Environmental Protection Agency's area of responsibility. Ecology has been kept apprised of these proposals, and we concur with the Board's position. These actions will contribute to worker and public safety and a cleaner environment.

Sincerely,



Tom Fitzsimmons  
Director

