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

Dear Ms. Reeves: Therity

Ecology wishes to express our concurrence with the HAB Consensus Advice #61. We support the recommendations that funding should be provided by the Department of Energy to allow the CRCIA Management Team to continue work on Phase 2 of the CRCIA during FY-97, and that this work should be coordinated across the projects and programs at Hanford.

Ecology specifically recognizes that in order to make appropriate remedial decisions in a site-wide context and responsive to stakeholder concerns, there is a need to evaluate potential impacts to the Columbia River from future groundwater plumes with a systematic and integrated approach. Further, Ecology recognizes that the CRCIA can be the mechanism to develop such an analysis.

Applying stakeholder values and principles as reflected in the HAB Consensus Advice #61 is a valuable contribution to an efficient and effective clean-up of Hanford. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver, Assistant Director Waste Management Division

cc: John Wagoner, USDOE

Chuck Clarke, EPA Randy Smith, EPA