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

Thank you for sending us a copy of the Board's advice #74, commenting on the scoping phase of the Department of Energy's Plutonium Disposition Environmental Impact Statement. We appreciate having the Board's perspectives, and will certainly refer to this advice document as we prepare to review the draft EIS.

I want to share with you and the Board our comments on the scoping for the plutonium EIS, as well as Governor Locke's more encompassing message to Secretary Peña. The Governor's letter stresses the primacy of meeting existing cleanup commitments at Hanford and the need for a regional and national public discussion about equity. I believe the Board will find both letters generally consistent with its advice.

Again, we at Ecology want to thank the Board for its continuing thorough work on issues affecting Hanford cleanup. We are committed to continuing discussion with the Board and its individual members on these important issues.

Sincerely,

for Tom Fitzsimmons  
Director

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