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Re: Appreciation

Dear Keith

The Hanford Advisory Board appreciates the leadership you have provided for Hanford cleanup over the last eight years. We also want to recognize your long and distinguished service to the U.S. Department of Energy, and your contributions to cleanup around the country.

You have taken the time to attend numerous Board and committee meetings, explaining issues, and most importantly, listening to the views of Board members. We value your efforts to keep the Board informed and thank you for respecting our advice, even when you did not agree with it.

We will remember that on many occasions you passionately echoed our concerns for worker and public safety and the protection of the Columbia River.

The Board understands that the task of managing such a huge cleanup mission can sometimes be overwhelmed by challenges, from countless investigators, technical oversight committees, changes in DOE leadership, changes in contracts and contractors - the list is endless. You coped with each crisis with conviction and dignity. Should you decide to try out a different point of view, we would welcome you to join us as member of the Board.

Thank you again and best wishes for all your future endeavors. We will miss you.

Sincerely,

Susan L Leckband, Chair

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