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Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
713 Jadwin, Suite 4
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Re: Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #203 – Proposed Decades of Delays to Hanford
Clean Up from Tri-Party Agreement Negotiations are not Justified

Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for your letter to Director Jay Manning regarding the Tri-Party Agreement negotiations. He asked me to reply directly to you. We will share your advice and concerns with the state decision makers as we determine the best path forward.

At the HAB Budget and Contract Committee meeting on November 7, 2007, committee members discussed and summarized some of the issues and interests the advice represented. We will provide a detailed response to the advice as soon as possible. Our goal is to provide our response in time for the next Committee meeting being planned for early 2008.

I am confident that your continued support for the Hanford cleanup will positively impact the outcome of the negotiations.

Sincerely,

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