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Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
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Re: Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #243 "200-SW-2, Radioactive Solid Waste Burial Grounds," dated April 1, 2011

Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for the Hanford Advisory Board's (Board) advice regarding the 200-SW-2 Radioactive Solid Waste Burial Grounds. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) offers the following response.

- We believe the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) and Ecology can use the four key values identified by the Board to guide the decision-making process for the burial grounds:
 1. Minimize impacts on human and environmental health.
 2. Protect worker safety.
 3. Conduct an effective and cost-efficient cleanup.
 4. Guarantee public participation and transparency.
- We will consider the Board's other advice points while collaborating with USDOE to develop the draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan for the 200-SW-2 Operable Unit (due December 31, 2011).
- When the draft RI/FS work plan is completed, we can provide a more specific response on how the Board's advice points were incorporated.
- We also appreciate USDOE's commitment to hold public meetings and explain how public input was used in the development of the work plan.

If you have additional comments or questions, please contact Deborah Singleton at 509-372-7923 or deborah.singleton@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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