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Susan Leckband, Chair Hanford Advisory Board 713 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 3 Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #249 "Draft Hanford Site Third CERCLA Five-Year Review Report"

Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for the advice on the draft Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Five-Year Review Report.

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) specifically advised the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to work with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy to identify additional sampling to evaluate the protectiveness of CERCLA remedies.

Ecology regulates dangerous wastes under a federally-authorized hazardous waste program. Our regulations at permitted dangerous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities require periodic review of corrective actions. The requirement is similar to the federal requirement for five-year review of CERCLA Records of Decision.

The Board's advice regarding the draft five-year review report is consistent with Ecology requirements for periodic review to ensure the protectiveness of selected cleanup remedies at Hanford. We will work with our federal partners to incorporate this advice in Hanford cleanup.

If you have additional comments or questions, please contact John Price at (509) 372-7921 or John.Price@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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