



April 23, 2009

Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
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Re: HAB Consensus Advice #216 – Tri-Party Agreement Change Packages

Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for your letter regarding the draft Tri-Party Agreement change packages. The U.S. Department of Energy, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency appreciate your thoughtful recommendations.

Advice from the Hanford Advisory Board and its broad representation of stakeholders is very important to our agencies as we move forward with determining the milestones and schedules for cleanup of the Hanford site.

We are conferring about the issues raised in your letter. We will provide a joint response after the public comment period for the change packages ends.

Sincerely,

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