

# HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD

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Re: State of the Site Meetings

Dear Msrs. Klein, Schepens, Manning, and Bogert,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) values State of the Site meetings and would like to see them continued in a format where priorities and public values can be brought forward for public discussion.

## Advice

- Two principles of accountability should continue to be served by these meetings: (1) The opportunity to raise questions/concerns from the public to the Tri-Party agencies' decision-makers and to receive a public response or commitment to respond from them and; (2) To have a dialogue regarding whether agency plans and responses reflect public values and commitments.
- Active facilitation should be brought in early and maintained throughout the entire process. The facilitator should work with the public and the agencies

to develop a meeting agenda that addresses the principles of accountability identified previously. The agenda should be flexible enough to allow discussion time for other issues that may arise from the public at the meeting.

- In order to allow adequate opportunity for dialogue with the public, formal presentations should be few and short.

The Board looks forward to continued collaboration between the Board's Public Involvement Committee and the agencies to help shape a successful public process for the State of the Site meetings for each location.

Sincerely,



Todd Martin, Chair  
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*This advice represents HAB consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.*

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