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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

**AMENDMENT TO HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE #183 ON BULK  
VITRIFICATION**

- References:
1. HAB letter from T. Martin to R. J. Schepens, ORP, and J. Manning, Ecology, "Bulk Vitrification," dated November 4, 2005.
  2. ORP letter from R. J. Schepens to T. Martin, "Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Advice #183 on Bulk Vitrification," 06-TPD-004, dated February 9, 2006.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with clarification to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection response to HAB Advice #183 (Reference 1) regarding an interim report for Demonstration Bulk Vitrification System (DBVS). In our previous response (Reference 2) we stated "The development of a comparison analysis for a production Bulk Vitrification Facility versus an additional Low Activity Waste (LAW) Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) facility is expected to be included in the interim report..."

This was inadvertently added by mistake. The development of a comparison analyses report for a production Bulk Vitrification Facility versus an additional LAW WTP Facility will be completed once DOE has operational experience producing a vitrified product with the DBVS Process.

DOE will work with the State of Washington Department of Ecology on the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, also known as the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-62-08 to determine when will be the best time to publish a report. The only process data available in June 2006 will be the results of the tests conducted at the AMEC Test Site which is not prototypical of the DBVS Pilot Plant. The DBVS design is scheduled to be completed in August 2006.

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If you have any questions, please call Jim Thompson, DBVS Federal Project Director,  
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Sincerely,

  
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