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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE #189 ON TANK WASTE SYSTEMS  
INTEGRATION

Reference: HAB letter from T. Martin to R. Schepens, ORP, and J. Manning, Ecology, "Tank Waste Systems Integration," dated April 7, 2006.

This letter is in response to the HAB Advice #189 regarding Tank Waste Systems Integration. We are pleased the HAB affirms the approach we discussed with the Tank Waste Committee regarding a holistic or systems review which links tank farm operations and closure with potential supplemental treatment and planned operations of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant. This holistic approach will allow The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to bring baseline assumptions into alignment with the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order commitments for tank waste cleanup at the Hanford Site, and preserve the integrated systems approach you stressed in your consensus advice.

DOE agrees that decision makers need to understand the interconnectivity of the tank waste cleanup program. We remain committed to providing accurate and timely information to Congress and others regarding decisions, and their potential impact on resources and other parts of the tank waste cleanup system.

If you have any questions, please call T. Erik Olds, DOE Office of River Protection, (509) 372-8656.

Sincerely,

  
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