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Re: HAB Consensus Advice #180 - 200 Area BC Cribs Focused Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Martin,

We would like to thank you for your advice concerning the 200 Area BC Cribs Focused Feasibility Study.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have resolved our informal dispute concerning the partial retrieval of the 200 Area BC Cribs and Trenches waste sites. EPA and DOE have agreed to have shallow contamination excavated to risk based levels.

EPA expects the site to be protective of human health and the environment in both the short and long term. EPA and DOE are in the process of evaluating the risks posed to intruders under various scenarios, thus addressing the consequences of institutional controls failure.

We all share your values in believing worker safety is very important and deserves increased As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) analysis. In our comments on the Focused Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan we have asked for the estimates of significant collective dose to be followed with additional ALARA analysis to minimize or even prevent dose to workers. We have also asked that modeling results be compared to actual doses received by Hanford remedial workers doing similar work.

We appreciate the HAB Consensus Advice #180, and we look forward to receiving future recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact Rod Lobos at (509)376-3749.

Sincerely,

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