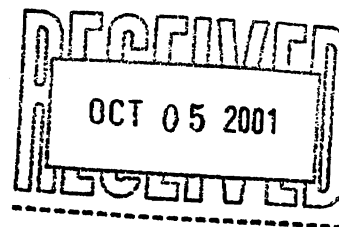




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October 1, 2001

Todd Martin, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

This is in response to the Hanford Advisory Board advice letter #122. Tom Fitzsimmons has asked me to respond on his behalf.

We appreciate the Board's interest in this issue, and their willingness to provide the Tri-Party Agencies with comments relating to the proposed revisions to the Community Relations Plan.

The CRP is currently out for public comment. The comment period was recently extended to November 9, 2001, in order to accommodate requests for public meetings in Hood River, OR, planned for October 24th, and Seattle, WA, planned for October 30th.

The Board advice outlines very good points regarding changes to the CRP. However, until we have completed the full public participation process and gathered all comments, we will not be making any decisions regarding which elements to implement in the final version of the plan. That being said, we do commit to considering each point included in your advice after all comments from the public have been evaluated.

We will retain advice #122 in our active files, and following the conclusion of the public comment period, the Tri-Party Agencies will discuss all the feedback received and determine what additional changes are needed. We will then send you a second response, detailing how we implemented the Board's advice, or the reasons why implementation of specific portions were not feasible.

Again, our thanks to the Board for their time and support on this important public participation issue.

Sincerely,

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Program Manager  
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