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Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
713 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 4
Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Hanford Advisory Board Advice #246 -- River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment

Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for the Hanford Advisory Board's (Board) advice on the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment. While most of the advice is directed to the United States Department of Energy (DOE), Ecology will work with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that DOE considers those points in future River Corridor documents.

Ecology agrees that the Tri-Party Agreement agencies should use the risk assessment as "an opportunity to build public understanding of risk calculation and measures to reduce risk." We expect the agencies will do that during the public comment periods (and possible public meetings) on the proposed plans for River Corridor cleanup decisions. The first of those proposed plans (for the 100 K Area) is due to EPA and Ecology on September 21, 2011.

We also support the Board's request that the agencies "provide workshops for the public and the Board where the completed risk evaluations ... are discussed and presented in an integrated manner." We will work with the other Tri-Party Agreement agencies to develop public involvement opportunities that include this focus.

If you have questions regarding this letter or the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment, please contact Nina Menard at 372-7941 or nina.menard@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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