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Ms. S. L. Leckband, Chair  
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Dear Ms. Leckband:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, CONSENSUS ADVICE  
#250, "WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA C PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT"

Thank you for your advice regarding the U.S. Department of Energy Office of River Protection's (ORP) Waste Management Area C Performance Assessment (WMA-C PA).

As you are aware, current funding constraints and uncertainties have resulted in the suspension of some closure activities, including the WMA-C PA. As we await a final decision on our appropriation, our critical work continues with continued focus on the safe operations of the Tank Farms, ensuring that we can deliver waste feed to support startup of the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP), and our Consent Decree (CD) commitments.

ORP understands the Board's concerns that suspension of some WMA-C PA activities could have an adverse impact on the closure of the WMA-C. However, we remain committed to closure of Hanford's first Waste Management Area by 2019 as well as our other commitments for tank waste cleanup at Hanford. Any impacts to TPA or CD milestones, including any schedule changes or delays of required closure documents, will continue to be communicated through formal processes which are transparent to the public and our stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela K. McCann at (509) 376-7663.

Sincerely,

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