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Re: Request for DOE to Support Non-Union, Non-Management Seats on the Hanford
Advisory Board

Dear Messrs McCormick and Dowell,

I am writing to ask your help in ensuring continued participation by non-union, non-management employee members on the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB). It's been a couple of years since different contractors were awarded cleanup contracts at Hanford and turnover in Senior DOE Management at the Richland Operations Office and the Office of River Protection has occurred. I encourage you to request that Hanford contractors continue to support employees who are selected to serve on the Board. Such services should be recognized, in terms of released time, just as other community-oriented activities.

The Department of Energy has a long history of support for Hanford employee participation on the HAB, dating back to 1997 when John Wagoner, then DOE manager of the Hanford Site, recognized the site knowledge and contribution that this segment of Hanford employees brings to the Board (Letter 97-OEA-028 attached). In 2001, Keith Klein, the DOE Manager, urged new Hanford contractors to support these worker participants (Letter 01-IPI-237 attached). I have also attached the DOE responses to these letters for your convenience.

The HAB highly values and needs these employee members to speak from their profound knowledge and that of their colleagues, on Hanford Site issues. We do not expect or want them to be "company" spokespeople. Their independence is a key element to their successful participation on the board. In addition, they provide a voice on the HAB from the workforce without whom cleanup would not be possible.

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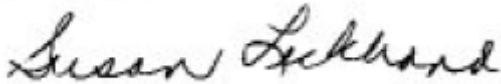
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The contractors should understand the background as to how and why we consider these employee members so important. Over the HAB's sixteen year history, these members and alternates have done what the early framers of the HAB and its processes hoped they would do-made Board deliberations more real, more practical and better informed.

Please recognize how important these employee Board positions are to all of us. We request that you forward this letter to the contractors and ask for their cooperation and support for workers selected to be members or alternates on the Hanford Advisory Board. If you have any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Susan Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

This letter represents Board consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.

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