



Tri-Party Agreement

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Dear Ms. Leckband:

**MAJOR AREAS FOR CONSIDERATIONS BY THE HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD
(HAB) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013**

The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement [TPA]) agencies have developed the following list of focus topics for the HAB's FY 2013 work plan. We appreciate the HAB's continued support for Hanford cleanup and strongly encourage the HAB to focus their discussions and potential policy-level advice in these areas. In pursuing the following areas of focus, we ask the HAB to continue to find ways to operate effectively under a more constrained federal budget. We encourage cross-cutting committees to work through the technical committees as they relate to cleanup work at Hanford. We recognize that this could mean that the HAB chooses its priorities from this list and does not focus on the entire list of topics during FY 2013.

River Corridor/Central Plateau Cleanup

Provide the HAB values and prioritize the FY 2013/2014 work scope to help achieve cleanup along the River Corridor and in the Central Plateau. For example; prioritizing cleanup actions for 100 Area and 300 Area waste sites, the Plutonium Finishing Plant, decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) activities, groundwater, and K Basin Sludge.

Budget

The U.S. Department of Energy will continue to request full funding to meet regulatory requirements and TPA schedules. In the event of a constrained FY 2013 budget, provide HAB values and priorities for cleanup work through the annual budget cycle process for stakeholder involvement.

Tank Farms and Waste Treatment Plant (WTP)

Provide input on the Hanford Tank Farm cleanup mission to aid the TPA agencies in cost-effective, risk-based decision-making during the preparation for the retrieval, treatment, and disposition of tank waste. Provide policy-level advice that considers a balanced approach to cost, schedule, and the safe implementation of the tank waste mission in the areas of:

1. Tank Farm and WTP system integration
2. Tank waste retrieval
3. Supplemental treatment capability
4. Waste feed delivery
5. Safe design, construction, and operation of WTP Interim storage capability

Public Involvement

Work collaboratively with the TPA agencies to identify the appropriate level of public involvement on the remaining River Corridor Records of Decisions, provide input on future State of the Site Meeting(s) and describe outreach efforts of HAB members to reach their constituents.

We would like to thank you for your involvement and dedication to the Hanford cleanup mission. We look forward to working with the HAB in the coming year on these high priority focus areas.

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