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Dear Ms. Leckband:

**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) JUNE 4, 2010, CONSENSUS ADVICE #232,
"SELECTING PROJECTS FOR ADDITIONAL ARRA FUNDING"**

Thank you for your subject letter (enclosure) regarding selecting additional projects to be performed with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Both the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) and the Office of River Protection (ORP) appreciate the importance of the HAB's values and priorities regarding potential ARRA buy-back projects.

DOE has used several criteria points for choosing projects for the potential buy-back list. Projects must have a clear workscope, proper cost estimates and funding, appropriate resources, and schedules must be fully defined and supported. Consistent with the original approach to establishing ARRA activities, the buy-back projects focus on four priorities: 1) Creating/saving jobs; 2) shrinking the footprint of active site cleanup; 3) saving on lifecycle costs; and 4) maintaining compliance with the Tri-Party Agreement.

Using the four priorities and several criteria mentioned above, DOE has identified potential buy-back projects which will be considered for execution once available funding is identified. DOE is committed to interacting with the regulators, tribal nations, stakeholders, and public to provide an opportunity for feedback on the potential buy-back projects list, which is attached.

The potential buy-back projects have also been incorporated into the Project Operating Plans, which have been updated and posted on the Hanford website at <http://www.hanford.gov/?page=656>.

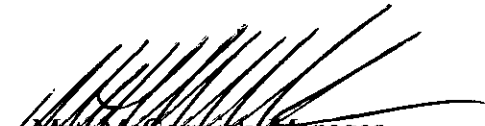
DOE is pleased that ARRA funding is accomplishing cleanup work ahead of schedule and under budget. The total value of the work on the potential buy-back projects list may also exceed expected efficiencies. Correspondingly, some of the work on the list will not be funded using ARRA efficiencies. DOE believes that if remaining funding is available, there may be opportunities for ARRA funding that could be directed towards acceleration of other projects.

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