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Inés Triay Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management EM-1/Forestal Building U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Department of Energy Richland Operations Manager Recommendations

Dear Ms Triay,

Thank you for encouraging the Hanford Advisory Board (Board) and me to provide recommendations regarding the selection of the next U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations (RL) manager following Dave Brockman's retirement. We recognize the importance of good working relationships with and support from the DOE field office managers at Hanford. We believe DOE organizational and staff attitudes towards stakeholders and the public trickle down from the top.

We understand that in the coming months you will be identifying and vetting candidates to fill the DOE-RL manager position. DOE has its own criteria and core competency requirements (e.g. thorough understanding of project management, conduct of operations, Integrated Safety Management, effective contracting elements and system integration, etc.).

A basic value for the Board is that open government and stakeholder interaction is necessary for Hanford cleanup decisions to reflect public values and gain regional support. During your candidate evaluation process, the Board would like you to consider the following values and criteria. We believe a field office manager should be one who:

- Genuinely cares about the employees and their safety,
- Is committed to transparency and positive stakeholder relationships,
- Maintains trust and respect between government agencies and stakeholders,
 - Values public input and the importance of providing feedback,

- Encourages integration among contractors across the site,
- Has the ability to hold themselves and contractors accountable,
- Has a technical background,
- Understands and is in alliance with the Tri-Party Agreement,
- Collaborates with and maintains tribal involvement,
- Encourages innovative solutions, and
- Is willing to go into the field to see and hear firsthand what is happening on site.

We thank you and the others involved in the selection process for considering our input when evaluating candidates. We look forward to establishing an open, mutually respectful and beneficial relationship with the new DOE-RL manager.

Sincerely,

Susan Lekhard

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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