



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Susan Leckband
Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
Enviroissues Hanford Project Office
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Dear Ms. Leckband:

I have been asked to reply to your April 4, 2008, letter to Assistant Secretary James Rispoli recommending restoration of Site Technology Coordination Groups. Based on the interests and needs expressed in your advice, the Office of Environmental Management (EM) strongly supports open discussions with its EM Site Specific Advisory Boards on the status of technology development, deployment, and results. I understand Mr. Dave Brockman, Manager of the Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL), and Ms. Shirley Olinger, Manager of the DOE Office of River Protection, are looking at ways to strengthen DOE's ongoing dialogue with the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) on cleanup technologies being contemplated or used at the Hanford site. DOE also plans to continue the very productive monthly meetings that RL has been having with area tribal nations and the State of Oregon on technologies being applied to groundwater remediation.

Additionally, Mr. Mark Gilbertson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Technology, is available for discussions with the HAB on integration and information-sharing among the EM sites.

Again, thank you for your concern in this critical area and for your willingness to engage with us. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-0370 or Mr. Gilbertson at (202) 586-0755 or mark.gilbertson@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Marcinowski".

Frank Marcinowski
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Regulatory Compliance

