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Re: Response to Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #232 and #234

Dear Ms. ~~Leckband~~, SUSAN

We would like to thank the Board for your advice on Selecting Projects for Additional American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding and Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Requests.

EPA appreciates the advice that requests that the regulatory agencies "nominate" projects to be completed with money gained by efficiencies in current ARRA projects. Although we do not plan to formally "nominate" projects, we do plan to discuss with the US Department of Energy (DOE) several projects where we would like to see additional ARRA funding applied.

We also appreciate the Board's letter identifying a potential shortfall in funding for fiscal year 2012. Although a majority of this advice is directed at DOE, we support the portion of the advice which states that DOE should fully fund cleanup activities to meet Tri-Party Agreement commitments. It is important to maintain the momentum of cleanup established by ARRA funding.

Thank you for your continued dedication to promoting cleanup progress at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Dennis Faulk
Program Manager