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Dear Ms. Leckband:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) CONSENSUS ADVICE #237, "ENGINEERING EVALUATION/COST ANALYSIS FOR 105-KE REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING (DOE/RL-2009-106, REV 0)"

The Tri-Party Agencies (U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office [RL], U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], and State of Washington Department of Ecology [Ecology]) appreciate the advice you provided on November 5, 2010 (enclosure), regarding the 105-KE Reactor Decommissioning Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). This EE/CA evaluated alternatives for demolishing the 105-KE Reactor and identified a preferred alternative of dismantling the reactor core.

Following the 30-day comment period (October 18, 2010 – November 17, 2010) on the EE/CA, RL has decided not to pursue this action at this time, and is taking steps toward "cocooning" the 105-KE Reactor. EPA and Ecology have concurred with this decision.

When further information is available regarding reactor removal, the agencies will hold additional public comment periods and/or meetings on documents and decisions with the HAB, other stakeholders and the public.

Washington State Department of Ecology – U. S. Environmental Protection Agency – U. S. Department of Energy

Response to HAB advice #237
HAB Consensus Advice: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for 105-KE Reactor Decommissioning
Letter from Joe Franco, Jane Hedges & Dennis Faulk dated 4/8/11