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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
1933 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 135
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Dear Mr. Martin:

RESPONSE TO HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE #184 – TANK CLOSURE
AND WASTE MANAGEMENT (TC & WM) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(EIS) SCOPING PROCESS

Reference: HAB letter from T. Martin to R. J. Schepens, ORP, and J. Manning, Ecology,
“Tank Closure & Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement Scoping
Process,” dated February 3, 2006.

This letter is in response to HAB Advice #184, TC & WM EIS Scoping Process. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection, and the Richland Operations Office appreciate your taking time to provide us with feedback. Consistent with our approach to the Tank Closure EIS, we want continued dialog on issues related to the new TC & WM EIS. In response to the Reference, the following addresses the advice directed to DOE.

Advice:

1. The public comment period on the scoping process should be extended to April 10, 2006, to allow for Board deliberation and advice.

Answer – DOE agrees and has extended the public comment period to April 10, 2006, to support HAB deliberation, advice, and public involvement.

2. The public meetings should be rescheduled to allow a minimum of 30 days notice.

Answer – DOE agrees and has extended the public comment period to 66 days from February 2 through April 10, 2006. The scoping meetings have been rescheduled from February to March to allow the public time to prepare and attend the meetings.

3. Notice of the scoping meetings and comment opportunities should be clear and informative. The notice should identify the significant decisions concerning nuclear, chemical, and other wastes that will be made using the EIS as a basis.

Answer – DOE agrees and has revised the postcards to include information related to the scope of the TC & WM EIS, the implementation of the settlement agreement, and changes to the dates in the scoping meetings.

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4. DOE should conduct additional outreach beyond newspaper advertisements. We urge DOE to follow the suggestions found in the Board's Public Involvement White Paper (see attached) and be consistent with the spirit of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Community Relations Plan.

Answer – DOE agrees and has been working with local citizens groups to provide information about the meetings to put in local newsletters. In accordance with the existing white paper, listserves and websites have also been used as electronic media. DOE will also continue to use more traditional forms of communication like newspapers and postcards.

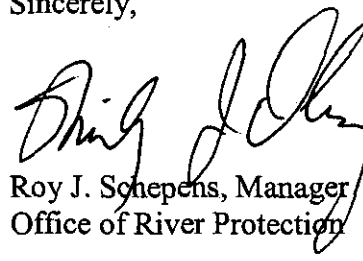
5. The Board recommends that comments from the relevant previous EISs and draft EISs (draft Tank Closure EIS and all versions of the Hanford Solid Waste EIS) should be available to the public on a website and should be considered as comments pertinent to this EIS. Also, to the extent practical, members of the public who provided comments on these EISs in the past should be directly notified of this scoping opportunity.

Answer – DOE agrees that previous scoping comments should be available and will have copies available at the public meetings. DOE is evaluating placing the information on the TC & WM website.

Again, we appreciate your interest in the TC & WM EIS and look forward to a continuing dialog on this subject over the next few years.

If you have any questions related to the EIS, please contact Mary Beth Burandt, NEPA Document Manager TC and WM EIS, (509) 373-9160.

Sincerely,

for 
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Office of River Protection

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	I have a couple of comments. In this Q&A format we write "ORP agreed and have". Should it be "ORP agreed and has"? Also we write "agreed" in the first three responses but "agree" in the last. They should be consistent.
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	Shirley Olinger signed for Roy Schepens on 3/10/06.

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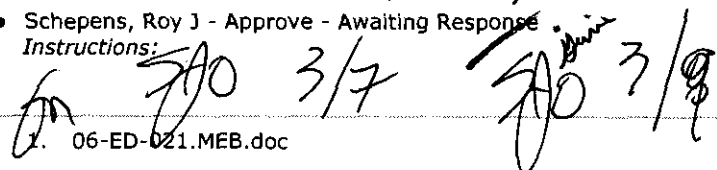
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