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Subject: Long Term Stewardship

Dear Mr. Klein,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) is looking forward to the issuance of the Hanford Long Term Stewardship Plan. In partnership with the Institutional Controls Plan, the Long Term Stewardship Plan is expected to provide basic guidelines and plans for near- and long-term management of the Hanford Site.

In addition, the Board expects that the Long Term Stewardship Plan will reflect several ongoing efforts: the Cleanup Constraints and Challenges Team (C3T), the Hanford Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement review and comment, Tri-Party Agreement negotiations, review of the Performance Management Plan for Accelerated Cleanup of the Hanford Site, and the Hanford Advisory Board Exposure Scenarios Task Force.

The planned September 30, 2002 date for issuance of the Long Term Stewardship Plan is too early to include appropriate information from the important, above-mentioned efforts and engage the public as was done during the initial development of the plan's draft.

We believe it is unrealistic to expect that the initial Long Term Stewardship Plan will be the final plan in view of the target date for closure of all waste sites for Hanford. We suggest that the plan be issued as Rev. 0, after a public comment period, with the expectation that later revisions will certainly be necessary by the date for final closure at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Todd Martin, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

This advice represents HAB 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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