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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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713 Jadwin, Suite 4
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Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Response to HAB Consensus
Advice #190

Dear Mr. ~~Martin~~, *Todd*

I would like to thank the Hanford Advisory Board (Board) for taking the time to draft HAB Consensus Advice #190 regarding the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Five-Year Review. I understand that the Board has concerns about the report in its current state, especially in regards to the incorporation of new information.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) received many comments from the public, various agencies, and tribal nations during public review, the resolution of which should help improve the final report. My staff will continue to work with DOE during the comment resolution phase of the report process. As you are aware, if we cannot come to agreement on final protectiveness statements, EPA continues to reserve the right to author our own protectiveness statements. Any protectiveness statement written by EPA becomes a permanent part of the document.

If you or other members of the Board wish to further discuss the Five-Year Review Report, feel free to call me or Alicia Boyd of my staff at 509-376-4919.

Sincerely,

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