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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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Dear Mr. Martin:

**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE #155 PUBLIC AND REGULATOR
REVIEW AND INPUT TO BASELINE**

This letter responds to Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Consensus Advice # 155, which provides recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regarding public and regulator review and input to baselines.

DOE does not agree that the HAB's or the public's ability to receive information or provide input regarding cleanup priorities and activities is impaired. A range of opportunities exists for stakeholders, HAB members, and others to receive information, become involved, or provide feedback on decisions and activities related to DOE's cleanup baselines. These opportunities are ongoing and will continue as DOE accelerates risk reduction cleanup activities at Hanford.

The opportunities, which are driven by the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), Washington State law, the National Environmental Policy Act, DOE Orders, and the Hanford Advisory Board charter among others, include:

- Public comment periods on proposed changes to Tri-Party Agreement milestones;
- Public meetings and comment periods for permit applications and modifications;
- Scoping meetings and public hearings on environmental impact statements;
- The baseline workshop and regional State of the Site meetings;
- Risk-based end-states public meetings around the region;
- Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board meetings;
- Tank Forums and other public meetings sponsored by regional interest groups; and
- Hanford Advisory Board and committee meetings.


DOE does agree that Tri-Party Agreement Sections 148 and 149 require update, and we will consider the HAB's recommendations towards this effort. DOE remains committed to working with the regulators to reach consensus on straightforward Tri-Party Agreement updates that do not impose unnecessary requirements on any of the Tri Party agencies. DOE and the agencies


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will provide information regarding updates to the Tri-Party Agreement once negotiations are complete and draft language is ready for public review and comment.

If you need further information or assistance, please contact the Erik Olds, Office of River Protection, (509) 372-8656.


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