



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Todd Martin
Hanford Advisory Board, Chair
713 Jadwin, Suite 4
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your April 29, 2005, letter regarding Hanford contracts. We appreciate these comments, as well as similar comments provided in 2004, and always welcome the views of the Hanford Advisory Board.

Your letter advised the Department to explore all options for our upcoming contracts at Hanford, including extension or renegotiation of existing contracts to mitigate the impacts of contractor changes. As you know, the Tank Farm Operations contract and the Project Hanford Management contract will expire on September 30, 2006. The Department is currently developing its acquisition strategy for those contracts and will certainly take your advice into consideration as we finalize our plans.

If you have any further questions, please call Barbara D. Male, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Performance Intelligence & Improvement, at (202) 586-1665.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Anderson".

Charles E. Anderson
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management