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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
713 Jadwin, Suite 4
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Re: HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD ADVICE #173 – CENTRAL PLATEAU
VALUES

Dear Mr. Martin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of the Board's Central Plateau Remedial Action Values flowchart and would like to thank you for the hard work that went into creating this product. The EPA will consider this flowchart when developing decisions for the remediation of Central Plateau waste sites.

Sincerely,

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cc: Keith Klein, RL
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Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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Dear Mr. Martin:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) ADVICE NO. 173 – CENTRAL PLATEAU
VALUES AND HAB ADVICE NO. 174 – CONSIDERATIONS FOR BARRIER
APPLICATION

Thank you for your advice on Hanford Central Plateau remedial decision making. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) appreciates the thorough and thoughtful approach used by the HAB to develop this advice to the agencies. Overall, this advice is consistent with the DOE objective to complete Hanford cleanup in a manner that is protective of the environment, safe for the workers, and mindful of tax payers' dollars. DOE will continue to engage the HAB and other stakeholders in a collaborative dialogue concerning cleanup decisions.

In addition, the values identified by the HAB are consistent with criteria essential to decision-making under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the process used to characterize hazards, evaluate remedial alternatives, and select remedies. The structured approach required by CERCLA, with the guidance and oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Washington Department of Ecology, ensures that protection of human health and the environment is a fundamental consideration in remedy selection and that appropriate public review and comment is included.

Thank you again for the advice. The HAB's advice and recommendations will be considered by DOE in making cleanup decisions for the Central Plateau.

If you have any questions, please contact us, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

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