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Mr. Todd Martin
Hanford Advisory Board
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Reference: HAB Advice #175, Integrated Disposal Facility

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for the Board's recent letter regarding the permitting of the Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF).

We agree that a cumulative risk analysis of all wastes disposed in the IDF is needed. A condition has been added to the permit requiring the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) to conduct such an analysis each time new wastes are brought into the facility. Additionally, the condition requires the parties to meet and discuss mitigation measures once 70 percent of the IDF's risk budget is allocated.

We also agree that there is a need for cumulative risk analyses of all waste disposed of at the Hanford Site. Ecology is supportive of USDOE efforts to conduct these analyses but believes that more comprehensive analyses are needed.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Laura Cusack at 509-372-7891.

Sincerely,

Jay J. Manning
Director

