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Subject: Meeting with Hanford Advisory Board

Items the Hanford Advisory Board needs to know and consider:

- June 2000, Proclamation established the Hanford Reach National Monument surrounding central Hanford
- June 9, 2000, Memorandum from the President to Secretary of Energy to manage central Hanford lands for potential inclusion to the Hanford Reach National Monument
- Much of central Hanford is now free or low in contamination except for groundwater and reactor cores which will remain "hot" into the foreseeable future
- Some of Hanford's historic areas such as the B Reactor and T-plant will be managed by the Department of Interior, National Park Service as directed recently by appropriations law
- Central Hanford has unique and disappearing plants (shrub-steppe) and animals (bird species/amphibians) which should be under control by a land management agency such as the Department of Interior US Fish and Wildlife Service
- DOE initiated an Area Management Plan for Hanford and signed an August 8, 2014 MOU with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to participate in that plan
- DOE has unilaterally pulled back from the MOU and to the best of our knowledge is proceeding alone.
- The writing of this plan should be open and transparent following standard NEPA protocols and should in the least have the USFWS involved as well as other stakeholders such as Audubon and the Tribes
- Further it appears that DOE may be listening more closely to the business community which has a plan for trails, campgrounds and boat launches on central Hanford.
- DOE needs to listen to those with a broader and safer view of central Hanford lands such as Audubon and the US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Central Hanford due to its potential remaining contamination and emergency evacuation needs (which will be established for transport and vitrification of high level radioactive waste) should not be open to the public for camping and hiking.
- One in four Americans will have cancer in their life time. Those that visit Hanford as camping/hiking tourist and contract cancer in their future will consider suing DOE.

**We request the Hanford Advisory Board to:**

1. Request DOE officials to explain why there is no stakeholder participation in the Area Management Plan and particularly the US Fish and Wildlife Service
2. Support efforts to place central Hanford into the Hanford Reach National Monument where it can best be managed by the Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service in conjunction with DOE.

Somewhat related to the above is the direction by appropriations law to move 1600 acres to TRIDEC and then potentially into public ownership.

- The Board should request from DOE the cost and impact this could have to DOE operations
  - How will this impact CERCLA, RCRA and the Air Operating Permit

Thank You, Dana Ward for the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society