



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Steve Hudson, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
713 Jadwin, Suite 3  
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Thank you for your December 12, 2013, letter transmitting Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Advice #273 to me and Ms. Maia Bellon, Director, Washington State Department of Ecology.

The Department of Energy appreciates the HAB's views regarding the involvement of the public and stakeholders in cleanup decisions, and we continue to do this in a number of ways at Hanford. Our organizations also share a common goal to see Hanford's tank waste cleanup mission firmly positioned on a realistic, achievable and sustainable path to completion. As you know, we have been working with both the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Washington State's Attorney General on the *Hanford Framework* to discuss a strategy that will safely complete construction of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, protect human health and the environment, and achieve our shared goal of tank waste cleanup.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Kristen Ellis, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, at (202) 586-5810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Huizenga".

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