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Re: Appreciation

Dear Roy,

On behalf of the Hanford Advisory Board, I want to thank you for your leadership in managing the Department of Energy-Office of River Protection. We recognize the difficulties you faced in taking over the construction of the world’s largest vitrification plant mid-stream. Thank you for your dedication to keeping the project moving forward.

Along with you, the Board is committed to helping the vitrification facility become operational and to the continued safe operation of the tank farms until all tanks are emptied. Your experience and dedication to those efforts have been much appreciated. The Board especially commends your unflinching support for Integrated Safety Management and for its unprecedented implementation at a major construction site.

We hope we have provided you with some stakeholder insights during your tenure; we have learned much from you as well.

The Board wishes you every enjoyment that retirement can bring – especially the opportunity to spend more time with family.

Thank you again and best wishes in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Leckband

Susan L. Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

This letter represents HAB consensus for this specific topic. It should not be taken out of context to extrapolate Board agreement on other subject matters.
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