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Re: Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestones and Program/Budget Restraints

Dear Messer’s Smith, McCormick, Faulk and Ms. Hedges:

With the publication of the Hanford Tank Waste Retrieval, Treatment, and Disposition Framework and the more recent Fiscal Year 2014 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill to fund the U.S. Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration, it appears to the Hanford community and the Hanford Advisory Board that current TPA milestones will not be met without significant adjustments. If such is the case, the Board requests an early participation, review and comment opportunity on potential TPA changes.

As in the past, the Board wishes to work with the TPA agencies and to do so in a manner that is effective, responsible, and consistent with meeting the needs and expectations of those agencies.
Sincerely,

Steve Hudson, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board

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

cc: Jeff Frey, Deputy Designated Official, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection
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