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Re: Hanford Advisory Board Waste Treatment Communications Approach white paper

Dear Mr. Smith,

Please find attached the white paper on communications related to the Waste Treatment Plant prepared at the request of the DOE WTP Assistant Manager. This document was presented to the Hanford Advisory Board at its June 8-9, 2016 Board meeting and was adopted with consensus by the Board.

This document represents a roughly two year drafting effort guided by Issue Managers from the Tank Waste Committee, and the Public Involvement Committee. And in addition to a sustained review and editing effort by other Board members, the material also benefitted from the thoughtful and critical comments of Joanne Grindstaff, Sharon Braswell, and other DOE staff members.

White papers present, in some respects, a more difficult composing task than drafting pieces of advice. They are generally longer, initially less well defined in terms of purpose and audience, and less appealing to some Board members. However, the composing process also yields more detailed discussions among those constructing the draft and a better and more refined sense of the difficulties attending Hanford cleanup.

Finally, because it was clear to the Board that while the white paper request represented another alternative to the ways that the HAB could relay its opinion to DOE, they did have some concerns about the success of the approach. They asked, therefore, that if there were recommendations and/or concerns related to this process that they would be shared with the Board.

Sincerely,

Steve Hudson, Chair

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