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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves
Chair, Hanford Advisory Board
800 NW Sixth Avenue, Suite 342
Portland, OR 97209-3715

Dear Ms. Reeves:

RE: Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #18 and #24

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Consensus Advice #18 and #24 on the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) privatization initiative. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) believes the HAB is absolutely correct in its assessment of the Department of Energy (Energy) concept of privatization.

While we fully support the concept of privatization, Ecology continues to pursue a more moderate risk approach for implementation. We believe the values and principles you have expressed in this advice must be incorporated into any privatization scheme for TWRS.

I trust that the HAB will continue to press Energy on incorporating these values and principles into TWRS privatization. Ecology, as part of our consultation with Energy, has and will continue to use your advice as a basis of our position on TWRS privatization.

As you are aware, implementing any privatization concept within the TWRS program will have substantial budget and schedule implications as well as impacts on the workforce at Hanford. I look forward to your advice and guidance to the three parties as these issues arise. This will be a very challenging time for the Hanford clean-up and Ecology will continue to seek your ideas on ensuring this work maintains the overall clean-up goals and schedules in the TPA.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Mary Riveland
Director

cc: John Wagoner, DOE-RL
Chuck Clark, EPA
Dan Silver, Ecology

Response to HAB Consensus Advice #18 (April 7, 1995) and #24 (June 1-2, 1995)
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