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Re: Response to Comments on the Community Relations Plan, Board
Advice #50

Dear Ms. Reeves:

Thank you and the Board for providing advice on the draft
Community Relations Plan. Below are our responses and how the
Boards comments influenced the revised plan.

A comment is made that the Community Relations Plan should
recognize the Boards involvement in the budget development
process. We agree and this information will be added to the
semi-annual budget meeting section. In addition, Appendix A will
be revised to reflect Board meetings and if possible anticipated
topics for the meeting. The Boards fiscal year 97 work plan will
be helpful in developing this information.

The agencies agree with your comment regarding the need to make
the fall budget meeting optional. The plan will be changed to
reflect that the fall budget meeting will be optional instead of
a mandatory requirement. However, the three agencies do believe
there is important information to convey to the public in the
fall and anticipate that we will be having meetings. We will
work closely with the Board on this issue.

In addition to the comments on the budget process the Board also
conveyed three principals that should be followed on all public
involvement. The first principal is to schedule formal public
meetings only when the public can influence a decision or when
public interest indicates a need. We agree and will be working
with the various interests in developing effective public
involvement on specific Hanford topics.

The second principal is to provide understandable and relevant
presentations and information to the public as well as make
information available. This is always our intention and the plan
reflects this commitment.
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The third principal is to commit to sponsoring meetings jointly with local, state, tribal, and stakeholders. We agree and past experience has shown that co-sponsored events are very successful. The plan has been updated to reflect this principal.

Again we want to take this opportunity to thank the Board for its comments on the Community Relations Plan. We look forward to working with you to implement effective public involvement in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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