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Dear Ms. Leckband:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) CONSENSUS ADVICE #223, “LIFECYCLE COST AND SCHEDULE REPORT OF THE PROPOSED CONSENT DEGREE AND THE TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT (TPA) MODIFICATIONS” AND #224, “PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE AND TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT (TPA) MODIFICATIONS”

Thank you for your letters (enclosures) regarding the Lifecycle Cost and Schedule Report and the Proposed Consent Decree and Tri-Party Agreement Modifications. The U.S. Department of Energy, the State of Washington Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency appreciate your thoughtful recommendations.

Advice from the HAB is very important to our agencies. The comment period closed on December 11, 2009, and the comments received from the HAB and members of the public will be considered as we move forward with determining the milestones and schedules for cleanup of the Hanford Site.

We will issue responses to your advice and public comments in a response to comment document, which will be available to the HAB and the public. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Gamache (509) 372-9130, Paula Call (509) 376-2048, Annette Carlson, (509) 372-7897, or Emy Laija (509) 376-4919.

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