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Dear Mr. Hudson:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) NOVEMBER 4, 2011, CONSENSUS ADVICE #251, “HANFORD PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN”

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Washington Department of Ecology, collectively known as the Tri-Party agencies, would like to thank the HAB for its advice on the Hanford Public Involvement Plan (Plan) (Enclosure 1).

The HAB’s advice, as well as other comments received on the Plan, was considered before finalizing revisions to the document. The agencies have issued responses to public comments received in a document titled the “Tri-Party Agreement Hanford Public Involvement Plan Comment and Response Document.” The full document is available at http://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/TPA_Comment_Response_Document_10-2012.pdf.

This document explains how public input was considered when revising the Plan. It also explains where the agencies considered, but did not incorporate, public input into the revisions. For your convenience, excerpts of responses to comments provided by the HAB are provided as an enclosure (Enclosure 2).
The Tri-Parties thank you for your advice and look forward to hearing from the Board in the future.

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Enclosures:
1. HAB Advice #251 letter
2. HAB responses to comments on Plan

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