February 17, 2005

Todd Martin, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
713 Jadwin C-4
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Reference: HAB Advice #168 -- Proposed Plan for Remediation of the 221-U Facility

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed plan for the remediation of Hanford's 221-U facility. The advice requests that the Tri-Party Agencies explore a wider range of scenarios, that the Proposed Plan be revised and reissued, and that the Agencies more clearly identify and communicate how decisions are made in future documents.

Ecology is working with the Tri-Party Agencies on a joint response to the Hanford Advisory Board consensus advice. Pending closure of those discussions, we anticipate a direct response to the advice within the next several days.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mike Wilson
Program Manager
April 22, 2005

Mr. Todd Martin, Chair
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Subject: HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD ADVICE #168 – PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIATION OF THE 221-U FACILITY

Dear Mr. Martin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to thank the Board for its January 28, 2005, advice on the proposed plan for the remediation of Hanford’s 221-U Facility. We are continuing to evaluate your comments and remain committed to working with the Hanford Advisory Board on U Plant Area cleanup. Your specific comments will be addressed in detail in the responsiveness summary that will be attached to the Record of Decision. We will mail you a copy of the responsiveness summary once the Record of Decision is finalized this July.

Thank you again for your advice. We appreciate the Board’s interest and time it devoted to the 221-U Facility (Canyon Disposition Initiative) project.

If there are any questions, please contact Craig Cameron at (509) 376-8665.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Record: 221-U Facility (U Plant Canyon Disposition Initiative)