Mr. Todd Martin, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
712 Jadwin, Suite 4  
Richland, Washington 99352

Re: Hanford Advisory Board Advice #177 – 200-UW-1 Waste Sites Proposed Plan

Dear Mr. Martin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) thanks the Hanford Advisory Board for its advice on the 200-UW-1 waste sites proposed plan. The EPA supports the proposed remedies put forth by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) in the proposed plan. However, we encourage DOE and Ecology to carefully consider this board advice.

The EPA will continue to work with DOE and Ecology to integrate Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act requirements for efficient and effective cleanup that minimizes unnecessary overlap of regulatory authorities.

Please contact Craig Cameron at 509 376-8665 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Keith Klein, DOE  
    Mike Wilson, Ecology  

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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for the Hanford Advisory Board’s comments regarding the 200-UW-1 Waste Sites Proposed Plan. We appreciate the time and effort the Board and the public put into the commenting process, and we believe that it helps us to make better cleanup decisions.

We are currently preparing a responsiveness summary to address comments we received during the comment period for the proposed plan. It would be inappropriate for Ecology to respond to comments before this document is completed. We will send you a letter addressing your advice when the responsiveness summary has been issued.

Thank you, again, for the Board’s input and your patience as we prepare the responsiveness summary.

Sincerely,

Jay J. Manning
Director