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Dear Mr. Sax,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) congratulates Washington Closure Hanford (WCH) on its cleanup successes of hundreds of waste sites and facilities along the Columbia River. Working more than 7,000,000 hours without a lost workday injury demonstrates a safe work culture implemented over the 11 years of cleanup activities.

The Board has consistently advised the Tri-Party Agreement agencies, (U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology) to protect and remediate where necessary, one of our most valuable resources – water. The cleanup work that WCH and its talented workforce has accomplished along the Columbia River is a major step toward attaining cleanup goals. We commend WCH for upholding Board values such as by digging 85 feet and removing soil contaminated with chromium, to protect the Columbia River. This effort is one example of WCH's optimal, proactive cleanup approach. We hope that your example will be the benchmark for future site cleanup activities.

We thank Washington Closure and its skilled workforce for a job well done. Everybody won: the citizens of the Pacific Northwest, the Tri-Party Agreement agencies, WCH and more importantly, the water and surrounding environment of the Columbia River.

With our sincere thanks,

Steve Hudson, Chair
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