



U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Site

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Mr. Steve Wiegman, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
245 Torbett Street
Richland, Washington 99354

Dear Mr. Wiegman:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD MARCH 17 CONSENSUS ADVICE NO. 309, FISCAL YEAR 2023 HANFORD CLEANUP PRIORITIES

Thank you for the Hanford Advisory Board's (HAB) March 17, 2021 Advice No. 309, regarding Fiscal Year 2023 Hanford cleanup priorities. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) values the perspectives that the members of the HAB contribute through consensus advice on cleanup priorities to assist DOE in optimizing our effort to reduce risks to the workforce, public, and environment, through the delivery of cleanup progress within the enacted federal budget.

In general, the prioritization provided in Advice No. 309 is reflective of the cleanup priorities published in the Office of Environmental Management's *EM Strategic Vision: 2021 – 2031* document published in May 2021, demonstrating the continuing constructive engagement between DOE and the affected communities represented by HAB members. Thank you for your inclusion of *Worker Safety*, the highest priority of both DOE and our contractors, as a critical priority in the *Cross-Cutting Activities* section. Further, DOE and our contractors continue to work together to leverage the exceptional talent, experience, and skills of our current Hanford team to build a future workforce that will continue to deliver safe, efficient, and effective cleanup progress for our enduring mission.

Finally, DOE will continue to maintain a robust public engagement program to enhance awareness, understanding, and involvement in the important cleanup work being delivered by the DOE and our contractors every day.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Stanley Branch, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, on (509) 376-9450.

Sincerely,

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