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Steve Wiegman, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board Office
245 Torbett St.
Richland, WA 99354

Re: Response to Hanford Advisory Board Consensus Advice #312, Fiscal Year 2024
Hanford Cleanup Priorities

Dear Steve Wiegman:

Thank you for Hanford Advisory Board (Board) Advice #312. We thank the Board for their continued hard work to provide policy-level advice to the Tri-Party Agreement Agencies. Based on the Board's request that each agency respond, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing this individual response to Advice #312.

Ecology supports the Board's recommended cleanup priorities in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. We agree that the Board's priority activities should be included in the upcoming FY 2024 Hanford budget request to be submitted to United States Department of Energy (USDOE) headquarters.

Your letter noted that the Board decided not to adopt USDOE's suggestion to modify the focus of this advice from a single fiscal year (FY2024) to a timeframe spanning the scope of the most recent Hanford 5-year Plan (FY2022 through FY2026). Ecology agrees with the Board's decision, although for a different reason than cited by the Board. We would prefer to prioritize Hanford activities based on a 5-year planning horizon because of the multi-year duration of many Hanford activities. However, we no longer focus on a 5-year window because USDOE no longer provides Ecology with the detailed costs of USDOE's 5-year Plans.

Tri-Party Agreement paragraph 149.i.1 requires USDOE to provide to the regulatory agencies Annual Multi-Year Program Plans, including Activity Data Sheet (ADS) level funding projections. Ecology cannot provide an effective interface with USDOE and the United State Environmental Protection Agency without the required detailed information.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at david.bowen@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 521-0309 or John Price at john.price@ecy.wa.gov or phone (509) 521-9834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Schluif".

for

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