Draft ORP and RL FY 14 Work Planning List for HAB

Focus Area: How should ORP and RL prioritize work with limited dollars? How should we communicate public safety, environmental risks and our overall budget needs (actual needs)?

Requested HAB Action: Work with the agencies to develop acceptable criteria or a method to rank priorities. How would the HAB prioritize RL and ORP budgets?

Requested HAB Action: Identify the HAB perspective on how to prioritize nuclear safety risks (e.g., Plutonium Finishing Plant, waste tanks, cesium/strontium capsules) and environmental risks (e.g., contaminants of concern in soil/groundwater). Identify how the public perceives nuclear safety and environmental risks and how DOE can improve its communication regarding those risks to the public.

Requested HAB Action: Act as a sounding board and provide feedback on DOE initiatives to reduce the cost of cleanup through efficiencies.

Focus Area: How to Sustain Cleanup Funding and Progress on Closure of River Corridor.

Requested HAB Action: Participate/engage in draft proposed plans and final decision

Focus Area: Health and Safety

Requested HAB Action: Gain knowledge of the Hanford Site’s Emergency Preparedness Programs, the Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Information Center. Recommend strategies to promote public awareness of program and how it works. Provide an understanding of community needs.

Tank Farms and Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant

Focus Area: Direct Low Activity Waste Feed

Requested HAB Action: Provide advice on proposed approaches to waste feed efficiencies for early operations of the Low Activity Waste facility.

Focus Area: Transuranic (TRU) Tank Waste Designation

Requested HAB Action: Continue to monitor and provide advice on ORP’s preferred alternative to retrieve, treat, package, characterize and certify Hanford TRU tank waste for disposal. Feedback should focus on:

- Waste determination assumptions,
- Transportation and safety requirements necessary for updating the WIPP permits, and
- Regulatory requirements for tank waste retrieval processing.

Focus Area: Double-Shell Tank AY-102 Integrity and Alternate Waste Staging Tank
Requested HAB Action: Continue to monitor condition of DST AY-102 and provide feedback (sounding board) and advice on the pros and cons concerning plans for waste in the tank and new waste staging tank.

Focus Area: Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Technical Issues Resolution.

Requested HAB Action: Stay informed through briefings on technical issues associated with the WTP; and gain understanding of the challenges associated with completing the tank waste mission.