

## **Hanford Advisory Board Draft Letter**

**Topic:** Budget Priorities to Accompany HAB Advice #288

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The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB, Board) provides the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with budget advice each year to ensure that the DOE has an opportunity to apply Board and stakeholder values when developing budget requests for Hanford cleanup.

The Board adopted and submitted Advice #288 to DOE in June 2016. Although the Board has received a response from DOE that says "DOE...acknowledges that our key priorities do align and support the items on which the Board has provided input," the Board believes that is not entirely accurate. Board priorities listed in the advice that do not necessarily match DOE's Hanford priorities include:

- a resumption of transuranic waste retrieval and shipments to Waste Isolation Pilot Plan;
- supporting a dialogue about the end state of cleanup;
- accelerating movement of the cesium and strontium capsules to dry storage;
- providing new double-shell tank storage capacity; and
- moving forward more expeditiously to address the concentrated waste beneath the 324 Building.

Therefore, we are providing HAB Advice #288 again for the following reasons:

- to reiterate the funding priorities in the advice that were not addressed in the response;
- to ensure that potential new staff at DOE-Environmental Management are aware of Board cleanup values and priorities in the short and long term; and
- to give the DOE the opportunity to reconsider Board priorities as they develop future budget requests.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Attachment: HAB Advice #288