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Ideas for Improving Public Participation in Hanford Activities

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A. Increasing public interest:

1. Encourage use of social media communications by HAB members as well as TPA agencies to spread info on Hanford-related info.
2. Employ some of the techniques suggested by PIC meeting intern visitors last year (eg using Q&A on Hanford issues, creating contests to promote Hanford, etc).
3. Distribute info and advertise use of the Hanford.gov website, the DOE quarterly reports, etc to general public.
4. HAB and TPA agencies should approach local groups and schools (CBC, WSA Extension, etc) to participate in their regular classroom programs to promote Hanford issues, and collect email addresses from interested parties.
5. Sponsor some university projects to work on Hanford-related issues, and collect email listing from interested parties. Encourage individual Hanford Contractors to fund and support these projects.
6. Collect email listing of members from each HAB participating organization. This listing can be used to disseminate info on specific topics.
7. Update/improve annual PIP survey forms and distribute directly to the email listings.
8. Revise the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to describe the activities ultimately adopted for improved public participation.

B. Increasing public involvement:

1. Encourage/advertise for public participation in HAB meetings and TPA document-specific meetings.
2. Continue to push to hold regional HAB meetings each year.
3. Use email lists (created in # A.4-6 above) to encourage direct involvement.
4. Obtain DOE commitment to provide direct support as required to analyze and act upon the annual PIP survey results.

C. Increasing public input on Hanford decision-making:

1. Use email lists (created in # A.4-6 above) to ask for direct input on topics of interest expressed by those listed on the mailing list.
2. Allow a select number of members of the public and students from local colleges/universities to directly participate as guest members (for several months each) through committee meeting and HAB meeting participation.