

Tank Waste Committee

Priorities for advice on FY17 budget

Not in priority order, numbering refers to last year's related advice points, per DOE response

- (#1) The Board strongly urges DOE-Headquarters (HQ) to request full funding from Congress to meet all legal requirements of the ongoing cleanup work in FY 2016 and 2017 in addition to the following specific requests.
- (#2) The Board advises DOE-ORP continue to request funding to proceed to empty leaking tanks (particularly AY-102 and T-111).
- (#3) The Board advises DOE-ORP to quantify the need and request funding to obtain additional tank capacity.
- (#8) The Board advises DOE to provide a more detailed level of budget information before RL and ORP submission to DOE Headquarters with sufficient time to enable the Board and public to make more well-informed comments and priorities.
- (#9) The Board advises DOE to request an increase in funding for FY 2017 in the PBS RL100 to ensure the Board has adequate funding to support necessary subcommittee meetings and a minimum of six full Board meetings per year to meet expectations from DOE, regulators and the public. An increase in funding would allow the Board to pursue greater diversity in public attendance and outreach.
 - See background in RAP bullets.
 - There has been a constant decrease in Board budget, but travel and meeting costs have increased.
- The Board advises DOE-ORP to focus on resolving technical issues (e.g. tank farm vapors, WTP, retrieval).
- The Board advises DOE to request funding for successful completion over the duration of a project sufficient to support the continuity of the trained workforce and long lead time procurement activities. **(Don Bouchey to provide additional language)**
 - Background: Additional cost and schedule delay as a result of see-saw/roller coaster funding levels, procurement
 - Example- successful transition from K-Basin to PFP.