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Steve Wiegman, Chair  
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245 Torbett St.  
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Re: Hanford Advisory Board Membership Changes (HAB Consensus Advice #311)

Dear Mr. Wiegman,

I want to express my continued gratitude for the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) and the members' dedication to the HAB. The HAB members have a valued ability for two-way information exchange between the members' constituencies and the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies and to provide meaningful policy-level advice to the TPA agencies. We continue to welcome this advice from the Board to make cleanup decisions at Hanford better informed. In the spirit of transparency, the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) is providing its individual response to the HAB Consensus Advice #311.

One of the most powerful aspects of the HAB and the subsequent advice, is the makeup of the Board. Consensus advice from a board of diverse interests is incredibly meaningful and EPA greatly values hearing diverse voices. Unfortunately, the changes to the Board's membership that have been announced over the last several months do not reflect the collaboration among diverse voices that we value.

EPA agrees that a facilitated dialogue must occur between the TPA Agencies (including DOE Headquarters representatives) and the Board that fosters collaboration and consensus and results in a written plan to address any changes to Board makeup. This plan should document the intended goals, the implementation approach, and the impacts of any changes.

EPA also agrees that the TPA Agencies and the Board should review, define, and affirm the mission and focus of the Board and reaffirm to all that a diverse, functioning, and effective Board supports and enhances Hanford's cleanup mission.

Thank you and the members of the Board for your continued dedication.

Sincerely,

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