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Steve Wiegman, Chair
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RE: Fiscal Year 2024 Hanford Cleanup Priorities (HAB Consensus Advice #312)

Dear Mr. Wiegman,

First, I'd like to thank you for your public service to the HAB and the HAB's role to provide policy-level advice to the Tri-Party Agreement agencies. We continue to welcome advice from the Board to channel the public's input to make cleanup at Hanford the most it can be. In agreement to the spirit of transparency, EPA is providing its individual response to the Board-identified priorities for Hanford Cleanup in FY2024.

EPA generally agrees that these are valid priorities for FY2024, though we might reach some different conclusions as to whether certain Items should be considered critical versus important. For example, at the Central Plateau Cleanup subsection, EPA believes that item "CP-g" relating to remedial action for the cribs at 200-CW-5/PW-1,3,6 should be considered more vital than WESF. In addition, on item "CP-j" the EPA cannot speak to these items as tank waste missions are not in our scope of responsibilities under CERCLA.

For the River Corridor Cleanup subsection, the EPA generally agrees with these priorities for FY2024 and believes that the 100-K Area ROD be included in that list of priorities.

For Indirect/Supporting Activities, the EPA is in general agreement with these listed priorities. However, for item "ISA-c" regarding the expansion of the HAB and Public Involvement, EPA does not have much to contribute to the discussion of reinstating travel reimbursements for Board alternates and would appreciate more input from the Board on this matter.

We appreciate the Board's continued service to provide the TPA Agencies advice to the progress of Hanford cleanup.

Sincerely,

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