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Re: Hanford Advisory Board Cesium Management and Disposition Alternatives
for the Low Activity Waste Pre-Treatment System white paper

Dear Mr. Smith,

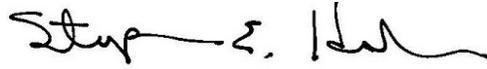
Please find attached the white paper on the proposed Direct Feed Low Activity Waste process and the Low Activity Waste Pre-Treatment System. This review document was prepared at the request of the DOE-ORP Federal Project Director, Low Activity Waste System, and was presented to the Hanford Advisory Board at its June 8-9, 2016 Board meeting. At that time the completed review was adopted with consensus by the Board.

The review represents the efforts of Issue Managers from the Tank Waste Committee, as well as contributions from a number of Board members committed to providing editorial advice. The final draft also benefitted particularly from the thoughtful and critical insights of Steve Pfaff and information support from Joanne Grindstaff and other DOE staff members.

Because this white paper was technically demanding and shared few characteristics with typical pieces of Board advice, it posed a difficult composing task for the Issue Managers. Still, in spite of the difficulties, the drafting process proved stimulating for those involved and yielded a fresh understanding of the complex nature of Hanford cleanup problems.

Finally, while it was clear to the Board that the white paper request represented an alternative way that the HAB could relay its opinion to the DOE, they did have some concerns about the success of the approach. They asked, therefore, that if there were recommendations and/or concerns related to this process that they would be shared with the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve E. Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Hudson, Chair
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