

HAB

Hanford Advisory Board



Annual Report 2018

The Hanford Advisory Board: Mission Statement

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) is a nonpartisan, broadly representative body consisting of 32 members interested in the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) complex, located in southeastern Washington state, where plutonium was produced for the national defense effort during World War II and the Cold War. The HAB works to provide consensus advice to DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Washington State Department of Ecology, collectively known as the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies, on selected major policy issues related to the cleanup of the Hanford Site.

The HAB was chartered in 1994 by DOE under the *Federal Advisory Committee*. The HAB is one of eight citizen advisory boards that make up the DOE Office of Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board. The purpose of the charter and development of the HAB is to provide a forum for bringing together diverse views, cultures, and demographics from communities and regions affected by Hanford Site cleanup activities.

What is the Hanford Advisory Board?

The Hanford Advisory Board has the following attributes:

- **Mission-oriented:** The primary mission of the HAB is to provide informed recommendations and consensus advice to the TPA agencies on selected major policy issues related to Hanford cleanup.
- **Policy-focused:** The HAB focuses on difficult policy-level issues associated with a long history of plutonium production and the resulting contamination from radioactive and chemical waste.
- **Diverse:** The HAB is made up of 32 members representing a variety of constituencies from local interests, environmental perspectives, business groups, tribal nations, public health representatives, state of Oregon officials, university professionals, public-at-large representatives, and the Hanford workforce.
- **Collaborative:** The HAB operates by consensus.
- **Dedicated:** The HAB has provided 294 pieces of consensus advice to the TPA agencies over the last 23 years.
- **Robust:** The HAB maintains five standing committees that routinely meet throughout the year to discuss issues of relevance to the Site's cleanup.
- **Inviting:** All HAB meetings are open to the public. The HAB actively reaches out to different communities to increase awareness of and involvement in Hanford cleanup. More information about the HAB, including all HAB advice, responses and correspondence, can be found at www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab.



Chair's Message: 2018

Message from the Chair

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) issued five-pieces of consensus advice to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Tri-Party Agencies).

This well-informed advice is a result of the dedication of HAB members to the best, safest Hanford cleanup possible, working with the Tri-Party Agencies to become educated on issues, challenges and successes achieved on the Hanford Site cleanup actions.

In 2018, the HAB experienced some canceled meetings due to inclement weather and the national day of mourning declared for the death of a former U.S. president. Despite the challenges of 2018, the HAB members remain dedicated to working collaboratively with the Tri-Party Agencies to provide timely and well-informed advice, and recommendations that reflect the values of the HAB members and the public.

We look forward to celebrating the Hanford Advisory Board's 25th year in 2019. We continue to dedicate ourselves, working many volunteer hours, to maintaining the high level of informed, thoughtful advice and recommendations.



Susan Leckband, Board Chair



2018 Hanford Advisory Board Meeting at Red Lion Hanford House

2018 At a Glance

This section of the report recounts 2018 HAB activities and accomplishments. This includes a summary of the consensus advice provided to the TPA agencies during this period, as well as more detailed highlights of the significant work performed over the course of the fiscal year.

Advice in 2018

The HAB adopted five new pieces of advice in 2018. To read these pieces of advice and TPA agency responses in their entirety, visit www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab.

Advice	# 295	Tank Waste System Planning and Milestone Negotiations Date submitted: March 8, 2018
	# 296	100-B/C Date submitted: June 7, 2018
	# 297	Fiscal Year 2020 Hanford Budget Priorities Date submitted: June 7, 2018
	# 298	Double-Shell Tank (DST) Failures Date submitted: September 20, 2018
	# 299	Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation for Closure of Waste Management Area C Date submitted: September 20, 2018

HAMMER Facility Tour

On May 9, members of the HAB and the tri-party agency staff had the opportunity to take part in a tour of the HAMMER Federal Training Center.



River and Plateau Committee Meeting

DOE Richland Operations Office Manager Doug Shoop (left), provides River and Plateau Committee members an update of work on the Hanford Site.



HAB Committees

The HAB is composed of five committees that focus on policy recommendations to the Tri-Party Agreement agencies about complex issues driving cleanup at Hanford. A sixth committee is comprised of the HAB and committee leadership. Each committee develops draft advice based on shared information, discussion, and HAB values. The committees work, through the consensus process, to identify and agree on specific advice points. When advice has committee consensus, it is brought before the full HAB for consideration.

The HAB has two technical committees, the River and Plateau (RAP) and Tank Waste Committee (TWC). They are responsible for understanding and tracking current Hanford cleanup work. The other three committees, the Public Involvement and Communications (PIC), Budget and Contracts Committee (BCC), and Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection (HSEP), are focused on tracking broader, sitewide issues. The sixth committee is the Executive Issues Committee (EIC), and it guides HAB leadership demands.

Annually, the committees identify a list of priority topics for discussion and develop a work plan. The work plan is comprised of timely topics brought forward through collaborative discussions between the HAB, TPA agency representatives and Hanford Site contractors. Members will self-identify themselves as issue managers on a committee level, when they have a strong interest or expertise in a particular issue. Issue managers take the lead in researching, framing topics for committee discussions and developing advice.

2018 Board and Committee Leadership

Board Leadership

Chair: Susan Leckband, Washington League of Women Voters

Vice chair: Shelley Cimon, Columbia Riverkeeper

National Liaison

Pam Larsen, city of Richland

Committee Leadership

Budgets and Contracts Committee

Chair: Gary Karnofski, TRIDEC

Vice chair: Tom Galioto, Public-At-Large

Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection Committee

Chair: Rebecca Holland, Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council

Vice chair: Richard Bloom, city of West Richland

Public Involvement and Communications Committee

Chair: Liz Mattson, Hanford Challenge

Vice chair: Shannon Cram, University of Washington

River and Plateau Committee

Chair: Jan Catrell, public-at-large

Vice chair: Helen Wheatley, Heart of America Northwest

Tank Waste Committee

Chair: Bob Suyama, Benton County

Vice chair: Steve Wiegman, public-at-large



2018 Hanford Advisory Board Meeting



Getting Involved with Hanford Advisory Board Work

If you're interested in the HAB's work or in learning more about cleanup at the Hanford Site, you can stay involved and informed in the following ways:

Talk to your HAB member — There are 32 HAB seat representing perspectives from local governments, the Hanford workforce, public health and environmental organizations, universities, the public-at-large, and tribal nations. Talk to a representative to learn more and to share your thoughts. Current membership lists are maintained on the HAB's website.

Attend a HAB meeting — If you are interested in learning about HAB work and cleanup at Hanford, consider observing a HAB or committee meeting. HAB and committee meetings are open to the public and occur almost monthly throughout the year. Meetings are held in Richland and information on upcoming meetings can be found on the Hanford website (www.Hanford.gov) under the Event Calendar.

Become a member — Each HAB seat consists of a primary member and an alternate. As seats become open, individual organizations or interest groups nominate replacements. For more information on the process of becoming a HAB member, visit www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab

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