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Re: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Mr. Vance,

The Hanford Advisory Board (Board) commends the completion of clean-up for the 618-10 Burial Grounds, along with land-contouring and the revegetation of native plants at a site that was recently contaminated with high level waste products. The 618-10 site operated between 1954-1963 and consisted of 12 waste trenches and 94 vertical pipe units (VPUs).

The Board has consistently advised in favor of remediating water resources, worker safety, and thorough clean-up. In the case of 618-10, the non-intrusive characterization of the containers within the VPUs contributed to the favorable outcomes achieved.

With the completion of clean-up work, revegetation of the terrain was approached with a careful attention to plants that are native to the area. The land was seamlessly contoured to complement the surrounding landscape and was planted with species that are indigenous to the environment.

The Board looks forward to additional Hanford cleanup successes and a continued collaborative and transparent relationship with the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies.

Sincerely,

Susan Leckband, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board

Enclosure

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