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Dear Ms. Leckband:

**MAJOR AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD  
(HAB) FOR 2010-11**

The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement [TPA]) Agencies are providing the following list of focus topics for the HAB during 2010-2011. We strongly encourage the HAB to focus their discussions and possible policy-level advice in these areas. We appreciate your continued support for Hanford cleanup and look forward to discussing these high-priority focus topics with you over the next year.

The following priorities, actions, or issues are the primary areas of focus identified by the Tri-Party Agencies (U.S. Department of Energy, State of Washington Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) for the HAB's 2010-2011 work plan.

**River Corridor Cleanup**

Engage in the scheduled regulatory documentation process for developing six Records of Decision for the River Corridor. Provide feedback on Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) process. Provide input and Board perspectives on the baseline risk assessment, potential for early removal of the K east reactor, and groundwater cleanup for chromium and strontium 90.

**Central Plateau Cleanup**

Provide input on the Proposed Plan for the waste sites near the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PW 1/3/6 and CW 5 Operable Units [OUs]). Provide Board perspectives on planning for the

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200 West Inner Area RI/FS work plan. Provide feedback on U Plant Remedial Design/Remedial Action activities. Provide input on planning for deep vadose zone work and Board perspectives on the investigation work plan for the past-practice burial grounds (200-SW-2 OU).

### **Budget**

Provide HAB priorities for cleanup work through the annual budget cycle process for stakeholder involvement.

### **Lifecycle Cost, Scope and Schedule Planning**

Assist the Tri-Party agencies in confirming the key assumptions and stakeholder values that will be used in lifecycle planning.

### **Tank Farms and Waste Treatment Plant (WTP)**

Provide input on the Hanford Tank Farm cleanup mission to aid the Tri-Party agencies in cost-effective, risk-based decision-making during this critical interim period of preparing for the final treatment and disposition of tank waste and tank farm closure. To preclude conflicting priorities on the major elements of the Tank Farm cleanup mission provided below, please provide advice that considers a balanced approach to cost, schedule, and risk management in the areas of:

- Tank waste storage and retrieval (including efforts to improve space management and ensure tank integrity)
- Tank Farm closure planning (including interim efforts to reduce impacts from vadose zone contamination)
- Technology development and deployment to support the tank waste mission
- Waste delivery to the WTP (including transfers, staging, and conditioning)
- Preparations to operate WTP (including construction, staffing, training, and testing)

### **Sitewide Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit**

Provide advice on the sitewide RCRA permit during the public comment period.

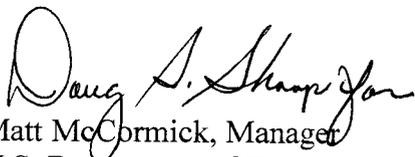
### **Public Involvement**

Continue to evaluate ways each member can increase the quality and frequency of Hanford cleanup information he/she shares with members of the general public and interested parties in

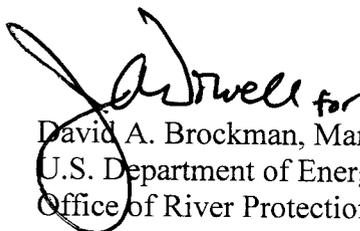
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his/her area. Make recommendations to the agencies towards continued improvement of the public participation process.

We would like to thank you for your involvement over the past 16 years and your continued commitment in the future. We look forward to working with the HAB in the coming year on these high priority focus areas.



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