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Dear Mr. Holten:

The Oregon Hanford Waste Board is interested in and very supportive of the integration of the cleanup activities at the Hanford Site that affect the vadose zone, groundwater and Columbia River. The Board does, however, have concerns about the current integration process.

At its March meeting, the Board discussed the ongoing integration process and the analyses of the Project Specification done by the Groundwater/Vadose Zone Expert Panel and the Modeling Panel. Many of the Board's concerns are echoed by the two panels.

As a result, the Board would like to receive copies of any written response that you provide the panels regarding their analyses of the Project Specification.

Should you have any questions concerning this request, please have your staff contact Steve Sautter at the Oregon Office of Energy at (503) 373-7400.

Sincerely,

Patty Yraguen
Chair

cc: Marilyn Reeves, Hanford Advisory Board Chair