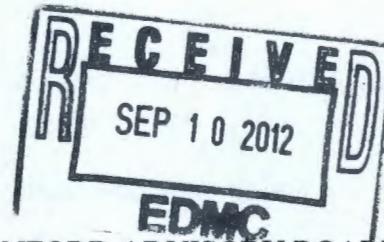




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Dear Ms. Leckband:

**MAJOR AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD
(HAB) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013**

The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement [TPA]) agencies have developed the following list of focus topics for the HAB's FY 2013 work plan. We appreciate the HAB's continued support for Hanford cleanup and strongly encourage the HAB to focus their discussions and potential policy-level advice in these areas. In pursuing the following areas of focus, we remind the HAB that the mutual and overarching goals of the TPA agencies are doing work safely and protecting the workers, human health, and the environment.

It is essential to the Hanford cleanup mission that we continue to find efficiencies that allow us to be successful under a more constrained federal budget. We encourage continued HAB efficiencies such as cross-cutting interactions among the technical committees on topics of joint interest related to cleanup work at Hanford. The agencies are committed to the HAB's mission and have requested that current HAB funding levels be maintained in FY 2013. This may require the HAB to prioritize and refine scope for its new work plan.

River Corridor/Central Plateau Cleanup

Provide the HAB values and prioritize the FY 2013/2014 workscope for River Corridor and Central Plateau cleanup. Examples include prioritizing interim action records of decision cleanup actions for 100 Area and 300 Area waste sites, the Plutonium Finishing Plant decontamination and decommissioning activities, groundwater pump and treat, Records of Decision, reactor interim safe storage, and removal of K Basin Sludge from the River Corridor.

Budget

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection will continue to identify compliance funding levels to meet regulatory requirements

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and TPA schedules in its budget requests to DOE Headquarters. Provide HAB values and priorities for cleanup work to allow scope prioritization in the event of a constrained FY 2013 budget. This information will be required through the annual budget cycle process for stakeholder involvement.

Tank Farms and Waste Treatment Plant (WTP)

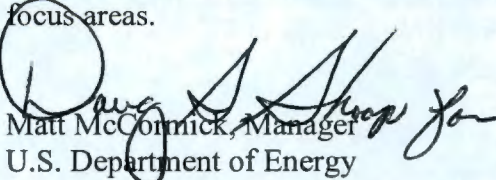
Provide input on the Hanford Tank Farm cleanup mission to aid the TPA agencies in cost-effective, risk-based decision-making during the preparation for the retrieval, treatment, and disposition of tank waste. Provide policy-level advice that considers a balanced approach to cost, schedule, and the safe implementation of the tank waste mission in the areas of:

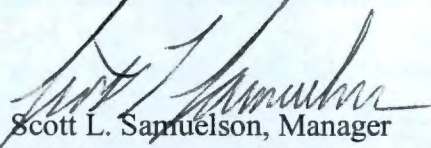
- Tank Farm and WTP system integration
- Tank waste retrieval
- One-time Hanford Tank Waste Supplemental Treatment Technologies report development
- Plans and schedule for waste feed delivery

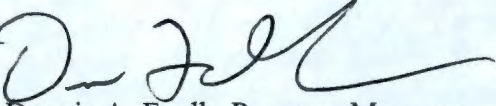
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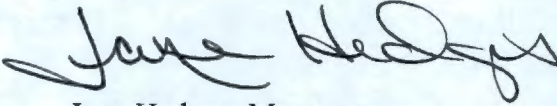
Work collaboratively with the TPA agencies to identify the appropriate level of public involvement on the remaining River Corridor Records of Decision and provide input on future State of the Site Meeting(s). Continue to increase outreach efforts to inform the TPA agencies of inputs and values from the organizations that HAB members represent.

We would like to thank you for your involvement and dedication to the Hanford cleanup mission. We look forward to working with the HAB in the coming year on these high priority focus areas.


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