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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
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Dear Ms. Reeves:

FUNDING TO CONTINUE HANFORD 100 AREA REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), would like to inform the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) that the Environmental Restoration (ER) Project will be receiving an additional \$6. million of Site Closure Funds in Fiscal Year 1998. This allocation will be for the purpose of accelerating the decontamination and decommissioning of surplus production reactors in the 100 Area. The RL ER Project has commenced the necessary planning activities to address the start of Interim Safe Storage (ISS) workscope for both the 105-F and 105-DR Reactors.

The RL ER Project will use the results of extensive planning, demonstrated innovative technologies, experienced engineering and crafts personnel, and lessons learned from the current 105-C ISS Project wherever possible to insure future reactor ISS is cost effective. Preliminary engineering, characterization/surveys, and mobilization work will be completed in Fiscal Year 1998 at the F and DR reactors at a cost of \$2.5 million per reactor.

RL is grateful for the HAB's support and assistance in securing funds to continue to meet stakeholder expectations to complete remediation along the Columbia River corridor, as well as to retain a trained and productive workforce. The commencement of this work will further aid in achieving cleanup of the 100 Area by 2006 and will help to levelize, as well as stabilize, the current ER Project staffing levels.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the effective use of this additional Site Closure funding to continue the Hanford 100 Area decommissioning, please contact me, or Mr. James D. Goodenough of my staff, at 376-0893.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Bauer, Assistant Manager
for Environmental Restoration

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