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Re: Milestone M91 negotiations and TRU processing

Dear Sirs:

The Oregon Hanford Waste Board is encouraged that the Tri-Parties are negotiating enforceable milestones for transuranic waste.

We encourage you to include specific milestones to develop, build and operate one or more facilities to characterize, process and package the more difficult remote handled transuranic (RH-TRU) waste.

The 618-10 and 11 burial grounds, along with several burial grounds in the 200 area, contain some of DOE's most complex and difficult wastes. Characterization, exhumation and processing of these wastes will be complex and difficult. Success relies on having the capabilities in place to characterize, retrieve and process them. Early work to develop the necessary techniques and facilities is essential.

We encourage you to begin the work to prepare for this by committing to facilities to handle these wastes and permanently remove them from Hanford.

Very truly yours,



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