

HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL



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Mr. Doug Shoop U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office P.O. Box 550 Richland, WA 99352

RE: FY19 Budget Recommendation

Dear Mr. Shoop:

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council's fiscal year 2019 (FY19) budget recommendation is \$6.641 million, based on our Project Execution Plan (PEP) and our FY18 budget request.

As you know, the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC or Council) is conducting a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for the Hanford Site as provided by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Council developed and approved a Project Execution Plan (PEP) in May 2014. The PEP provides a funding baseline and milestones for completion of the NRDA by 2024. Attached is the recommended FY19 Budget Summary, along with the approved updated PEP (March 2016).

The Council continues to implement a "bow-wave" approach to updating the funding baseline for the PEP, which is the basis for the FY(+2) funding request for this year. The Council is in the process of reviewing and adjusting the list of injury studies and costs necessary to complete the assessment.

Planned work in FY19 continues the iterative process of completing ongoing injury studies and implementing new injury studies identified in the Hanford NRDA Injury Assessment Plan (IAP), and technical work plans. The FY19 scope also includes planning for early restoration projects. FY19 budget includes the following items; assessment planning, injury and service loss studies, restoration planning, technical analysis, project management, information management and administration. The PEP provides further information regarding the scope, schedule and cost estimates for these activities.

Your continued support for the Council's NRDA at the Hanford Site is fundamentally important to its progress. The Council looks forward to working with you and your staff in that effort. We particularly appreciate efforts to support the NRDA scope and budget in the face of competing demands for

appropriated dollars. Please contact me at (206) 526-6606 or by email at <u>Troy.Baker@noaa.gov</u> if you have feedback or questions or want to schedule a meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Troy Baker Chair, Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Attachments

- 1. Project Execution Plan (Updated March 2016)
- 2. FY19 Budget Summary
- cc: Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council Pam Zimmerman, DOE-RL

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