

Blue Ribbon Commission Talking Points for Carl Adrian
President of TRIDEC

- 1) Brief comments about TRIDEC and our long-time involvement with Hanford (since 1963)
- 2) Hanford:
 - a. For 67 years this community has supported National Missions; first with World War II, then the Cold War, and now the Weapons Complex Cleanup Mission.
 - b. Hanford is getting cleaned up. By 2015 the 586 square mile site will be focused on the Central Plateau; an area of approximately 75 square miles.
 - c. Since the late 1980's DOE and Congress determined that the High-Level Waste from Hanford (and other DOE sites) would be placed in the deep-geologic repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.
 - d. Hanford is one of the few sites that has both Weapons Complex high-level waste and commercial spent nuclear fuel. This Site has more than 70% of the nation's high level weapons complex waste! *(must check this %)*
- 3) DOE's Action to Close Yucca Mountain
- 4) Confidence in the Process is imperative
 - a. How can the Blue Ribbon Commission assure the Tri-Cities residents that any solution they develop, even if adopted and implemented, will not be susceptible to the same political consequences and shenanigans as Yucca Mountain?
- 5) Sound Science is Critical
- 6) National Considerations
 - a. Any alternative site proposed by the Blue Ribbon Commission, -- other than Yucca Mountain -- will require extensive study, and will cost at minimum an amount equal to the \$10 billion already spent on Yucca.
 - b. Any alternative site will also set the selection back by at least another decade, even if that decision is to keep everything where it is.