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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Suite 700
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway:

TRANSMITTAL OF WESTINGHOUSE HANFORD COMPANY DOCUMENT DISCUSSING REVIEW OF CHARACTERIZATION FIELD PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITMENT 3.2 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BOARD RECOMMENDATION 93-5.

Reference: Letter, J. M. Clark, RL to C. Defigh-Price, WHC, "Incomplete Deliverable of Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan, Commitment 3.2," dated June 07, 1994.

The enclosed Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) letter (#9451458, dated February 28, 1994,) was reviewed by the Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), and found that it did not meet the intent of the commitment. The root cause appears to be a lack of clear, written description of what is required to fulfill this commitment. RL and WHC have now defined this, (see enclosed reference letter) and a satisfactory product is expected to be delivered to you by August 15, 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. M. Clark of my staff on (509)-376-2246.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. R. Sheridan".

T. R. Sheridan, Acting Program Manager
Office of Tank Waste Remediation System

Enclosure

cc w/encl
K. Lang, EM-36, HQ
C. Defigh-Price, WHC w/o encl



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February 28, 1994

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Office of Characterization
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Dear Mr. Clark:

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD 93.5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
COMMITMENT 3.2

Reference: Document, "Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan,"
DOE/RL 94-0001, Dated January 1994.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Implementation Plan Commitment 3.2 requires that a review of characterization field procedures be completed using U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Conduct of Operations good practices. This letter is the notification of the completion of that commitment. Characterization field procedures have been reviewed and those requiring revision are being revised. Those procedures requiring revision will be issued prior to work being performed.

Characterization field procedures were reviewed using WHC-IP-0731, "Tank Farm Operations Procedures and Alarm Response Format and Preparation Guide". WHC-IP-0731 incorporates the requirements of the DOE procedure writers guide.

New procedures or those requiring extensive revision are approved work plans. These work plans will be converted into plant operations procedures upon successful field verification of activity.

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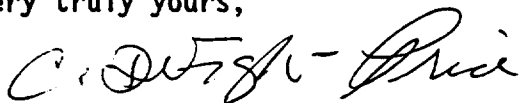
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Please contact me on 373-2038 or Mr. W. F. Zuroff on 373-1003 if you have additional questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. DeFig-Price".

C. DeFig-Price, Manager
Characterization Program

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RL - E. M. Mattlin
R. O. Puthoff (w/o attachment)