



The Deputy Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

June 22, 2011

The Honorable Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Chairman Winokur: *Peter*

The Department of Energy is in the process of reviewing Board Recommendation 2011-1, which recommends in part that the "Secretary of Energy ... assert federal control at the highest level and direct, track, and validate the specific corrective actions to be taken to establish a strong safety culture within the WTP project...."

For the Secretary of Energy and other Department officials at the highest level to assess and respond to the Board's findings and recommendation, it is vital that the Department be able to review the Board's investigative record, including, but not limited to, all transcripts, interview notes, and exhibits.

We would be happy to work with you to ensure appropriate confidentiality and to minimize the costs of such a production.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. B. Poneman", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel B. Poneman

