



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On March 30, 2012, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) was informed of the Department of Energy's (DOE) plans regarding the Sludge Treatment Project (STP) at the Hanford site. At that time, we indicated an additional 30 days was needed to complete our response and plans while the DOE Richland Office completed discussions with the Environmental Protection Agency on new Tri-Party Agreement milestones for K-Basins sludge treatment and packaging.

This letter is to notify you that the K-Basin STP alternatives analysis has been completed and a copy of the report was provided to the Board staff on July 28, 2011, pursuant to commitment Action 120-7 contained in the Implementation Plan (IP) for Board Recommendation 2000-1. We will keep the Board staff apprised of STP Phase II activities. The report and proposed new Tri-Party Agreement milestones for the removal of knock-out pot sludge and the remaining sludge from the K-West Basin also fulfill our commitments to the Board in the IP for Recommendation 2000-1.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Matthew Moury, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security, and Quality Programs, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

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