



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
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Energy (DOE) has completed the second deliverable associated with Action 1-8 of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant* (WTP). The second deliverable for Action 1-8 is a letter to the Board communicating completion of the Office of River Protection (ORP) action plan for safety culture improvement. The ORP safety culture improvement action plan was previously transmitted to the Board in a letter dated May 1, 2012.

As stated in the May 1, 2012, letter, the ORP action plan contained nine near-term improvement actions planned to be completed within one year, and 15 continuing improvement actions. Enclosed is a letter from ORP reporting completion of the nine near-term improvement actions. These actions represent a strong start toward safety culture improvements at ORP. DOE will use feedback from sources such as a recent ORP Safety Conscious Work Environment Self Assessment, employee surveys, the upcoming effectiveness review required by Action 1-9 of the IP, and any future reviews of safety culture at WTP by the Department's Office of Health, Safety and Security to identify further actions to improve the ORP safety culture. The Department will update the Board on the ORP action plan in future progress briefings, as described in the IP.

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

Sincerely,

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Safety, Security, and Quality Programs
Environmental Management

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Office of River Protection**memorandum**

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TF:SHP 13-TF-0029

SUBJECT: THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE), OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION (ORP), COMPLETION OF FIRST-YEAR SAFETY CULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS, ACTION 1-8, FOR THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 2011-1

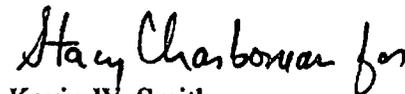
TO: David Huizenga, Senior Advisor
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This memo is to inform you that ORP has completed the actions necessary for you to inform the DNFSB as required by Deliverable 2 of Action 1-8 of the DOE Implementation Plan for DNFSB Recommendation 2011-1, Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment Plant (DOE IP 2011-1).

Action 1-8 required that ORP "develop an action plan and complete ORP actions for safety culture improvements including responses to HSS recommendations made to ORP and changes to management and employee performance plans that include specific measures for meeting safety culture expectations." Action 1-8 included two deliverables. Deliverable 1, transmitting the action plan to the DNFSB, was completed on May 1, 2012. Deliverable 2 requires transmitting a letter to the DNFSB communicating completion of the action plan, by April 2013.

ORP has completed the nine near term actions described in the Safety Culture Improvement Plan. Completion of these actions represents a strong start toward safety culture improvements, but ORP will use feedback from a number of sources such as our recent Safety Conscious Work Environment Self-Assessment, employee surveys, and the upcoming validation and effectiveness review required by Action 1-9 of DOE IP 2011-1 to identify and accomplish further actions to improve the ORP safety culture.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Pfaff, ORP Safety Culture Team Lead, at (509) 376-2188.


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