



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 1, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to inform you of a schedule change for the expected completion date of Action 1-6 in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*.

Action 1-6 is to review the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) contract and implement appropriate mechanisms to achieve balanced priorities and include safety culture elements. The expected completion date for Action 1-6 of the IP is now June 2014, in order to better align the Action with DOE's work at WTP. The action itself, and its associated deliverable stated in the IP are unchanged.

The Department continues to focus on improving safety culture at the WTP and across the complex by completing many significant actions in the IP, as well as other actions beyond the IP. DOE continues to use the WTP Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan to provide impetus for continuous improvement in safety culture at WTP. As of today, over 1500 senior DOE and contractor leaders both at Headquarters and the field sites have attended leadership training for a Safety Conscious Work Environment.

Deputy Secretary Poneman and I view assuring a robust safety culture as essential to the success of the WTP and all other projects across the DOE complex. DOE will continue to keep the Board informed of progress in improving safety culture in the DOE defense nuclear complex.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. David Huizenga, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, at (202) 586-7709.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest J. Moniz".

Ernest J. Moniz

