



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 4, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the Secretary of Energy's January 7, 2013, letter to you accepting the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2012-2, *Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy*, we informed you that we would be completing an upgrade of the Tank Farms Documented Safety Analysis (DSA) by January 2013.

While much of the work to implement the DSA upgrade was completed on schedule, a combination of a planning error, labor availability and weather impacts resulted in delayed DSA implementation, which was subsequently completed on February 21, 2013.

The Department of Energy Office of River Protection is working with the tank farms contractor to address identified weaknesses and ensure that the actions planned as part of the related Implementation Plan currently being developed will be completed on schedule.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Huizenga".

David Huizenga
Senior Advisor
for Environmental Management

