



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

December 19, 2014

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 provides the status of Action 1-6 of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*.

The deliverable for Action 1-6 is a letter to the Board communicating completion of the action that documents the contract review and any contract changes made to address balanced priorities and include safety culture elements. Building on the initial positive results from Action 1-5 of the IP, DOE has continued to improve the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) contract Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan to drive continuous safety culture improvement and achieve balanced priorities, with a strong emphasis on self-discovery and shifting fee to safety culture behavior and transparency.

DOE is initiating contract negotiations regarding the Low-Activity Waste, Analytical Laboratory, and Balance of Facilities portion of the WTP. When these contract negotiations are complete, DOE will provide the contract documents to the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Mark Whitney, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, at (202) 586-7709.

Sincerely,

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

Ernest J. Moniz

