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August 13, 2015


Dr. Monica Regalbuto
Assistant Secretary for Environmental
Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0113

Dear Dr. Regalbuto:

We are holding a Public Hearing on August 26, 2015, to discuss the current status of Department of Energy (DOE) efforts to improve safety culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP). We invite you to appear and offer testimony at this hearing along with other DOE officials responsible for the implementation of Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*. In particular, please be prepared to discuss your perspective on the actions taken by DOE to strengthen and sustain a healthy safety culture at WTP and to assess the effectiveness of improvements and the tools being used to track future progress. The format for this hearing will include time for you to make a statement and to respond to questions from Board Members. The agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Board's web page, <http://www.dnfsb.gov>.

The agenda will be updated periodically as preparations for the hearing are finalized. Please contact Dr. Daniel B. Bullen (202-694-7155) or Mr. Steven A. Stokes (202-694-7143) to make the necessary arrangements for your attendance.

Sincerely,


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c: Mr. Joe Olencz

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Mr. Glenn S. Podonsky
Director, Office of Enterprise Assessments
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0113

Dear Mr. Podonsky:

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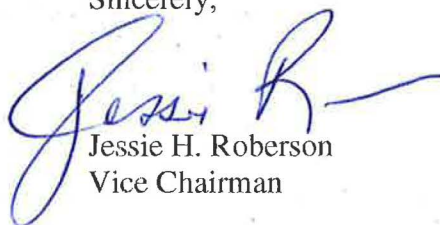
Mr. Kevin W. Smith
Manager, Office of River Protection
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of River Protection
2440 Stevens Center Place
Mail Stop H6-60
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Smith:

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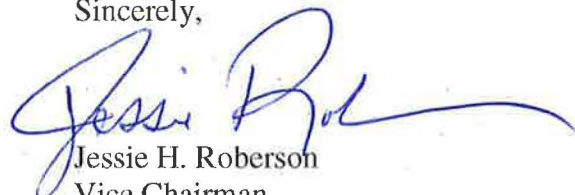
Mr. William Hamel
Assistant Manager
Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of River Protection
2440 Stevens Center Place
Mail Stop H6-60
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Hamel:

We are holding a Public Hearing on August 26, 2015, to discuss the current status of Department of Energy (DOE) efforts to improve safety culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP). We invite you to appear on a panel at this hearing along with other DOE officials responsible for the implementation of Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*. In particular, please be prepared to discuss your perspective on the actions taken by DOE to strengthen and sustain a healthy safety culture at WTP and to assess the effectiveness of improvements and the tools being used to track future progress. The agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Board's web page, <http://www.dnfsb.gov>.

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