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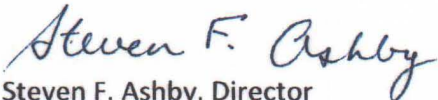
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide comments at the public meeting on the safety culture improvement efforts at WTP. PNNL has supported the Hanford mission for more than fifty years and we are proud of our many contributions. I wish to submit the attached written version of the comments I delivered on my behalf during the public comment session. As you will read, we greatly appreciate the recent efforts of DOE to re-engage PNNL as a strategic partner to address some of the most challenging scientific and technical issues facing the cleanup mission.

Best Regards,


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