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The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
Suite 700  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway:

TRANSMITTAL OF WESTINGHOUSE HANFORD COMPANY DOCUMENT DISCUSSING REVIEW OF CHARACTERIZATION FIELD PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITMENT 3.2 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BOARD RECOMMENDATION 93-5.

Reference: Letter, J. M. Clark, RL to C. Defigh-Price, WHC, "Incomplete Deliverable of Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan, Commitment 3.2," dated June 07, 1994.

The enclosed Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) letter (#9451458, dated February 28, 1994,) was reviewed by the Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), and found that it did not meet the intent of the commitment. The root cause appears to be a lack of clear, written description of what is required to fulfill this commitment. RL and WHC have now defined this, (see enclosed reference letter) and a satisfactory product is expected to be delivered to you by August 15, 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. M. Clark of my staff on (509)-376-2246.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. R. Sheridan".

T. R. Sheridan, Acting Program Manager  
Office of Tank Waste Remediation System

Enclosure

cc w/encl  
K. Lang, EM-36, HQ  
C. Defigh-Price, WHC w/o encl



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February 28, 1994

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J. M. Clark, Acting Manager  
Office of Characterization  
Office of Tank Waste Remediation System  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Richland Operations Office  
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Clark:

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD 93.5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
COMMITMENT 3.2

Reference: Document, "Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan,"  
DOE/RL 94-0001, Dated January 1994.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Implementation Plan Commitment 3.2 requires that a review of characterization field procedures be completed using U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Conduct of Operations good practices. This letter is the notification of the completion of that commitment. Characterization field procedures have been reviewed and those requiring revision are being revised. Those procedures requiring revision will be issued prior to work being performed.

Characterization field procedures were reviewed using WHC-IP-0731, "Tank Farm Operations Procedures and Alarm Response Format and Preparation Guide". WHC-IP-0731 incorporates the requirements of the DOE procedure writers guide.

New procedures or those requiring extensive revision are approved work plans. These work plans will be converted into plant operations procedures upon successful field verification of activity.

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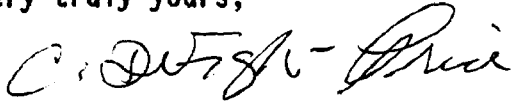
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Please contact me on 373-2038 or Mr. W. F. Zuroff on 373-1003 if you have additional questions.

Very truly yours,



C. DeFigh-Price, Manager  
Characterization Program

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RL - E. M. Mattlin  
R. O. Puthoff (w/o attachment)



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**JUN 07 1994**

President  
Westinghouse Hanford Company  
Richland, Washington

Dear Sir:

DELIVERABLE OF RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, COMMITMENT 3.2

Reference: Letter, C. Defigh-Price, WHC to J. M. Clark, RL, "Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 93.5 Implementation Plan Commitment 3.2," dated February 28, 1994.

Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) did not receive sufficient information in the above referenced letter to meet the intent commitment 3.2. The deliverable in 93-5 is a "Letter report documenting review and plan for resolution of findings." RL requests a letter report identifying which characterization field procedures were reviewed, any problems that were identified and a plan/schedule for resolving the identified problems by July 15, 1994.

New procedures or work plans being converted to characterization field procedures should incorporate Department of Energy Conduct of Operations and Institute of Nuclear Power Operations good practices as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ellen Mattlin of my staff on 376-2385.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Clark".

John M. Clark, Acting Manager  
Office of Characterization

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