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Mr. Chairman:

CLARIFICATION OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
RECOMMENDATION 2012-2 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ACTION 1-2
CORRESPONDENCE

Reference: ORP letter from K.W. Smith to P.S. Winokur, DNFSB, "Transmittal of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2012-2 Implementation Plan Deliverable for Action 1-2," 14-TF-0104, dated September 10, 2014.

The reference letter provided information on a streamlined approach to upgrading double-shell tank primary ventilation, but is not the final and complete deliverable required by Action 1-2 of the Implementation Plan (IP). The reference supports ongoing discussion with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board and staff.

Due to the extent of the changes proposed by the contractor and the potential impact on the remainder of the Implementation Plan, it is expected that changes will be needed before the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) can recommend the proposal. ORP Environmental Compliance Division, Nuclear Safety Division, and Tank Farm Project representatives are engaged and working with the contractor towards a final deliverable; anticipated by the second quarter of fiscal year 2015. The streamlined approach, as written, would require a revision to the double-shell tank hazard control strategy and a revision to the Recommendation 2012-2 IP. ORP is committed to ensuring safe operations of the Hanford tank waste farms and will perform a thorough review of the approach before acceptance and formal incorporation into the IP.

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