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Dear Mr. Kinzer:

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES BOARD RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
REVISION

- References: (1) DOE/RL 94-0001, "Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan," U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, January 1994.
- (2) Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 93-5, Hanford Waste Tanks Characterization Studies, 58 FR 40409, No. 143, July 28, 1993.

Attached is Westinghouse Hanford Company's (WHC) proposed Implementation Plan Revision One for resolving the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 93-5 (References 1 and 2). This Implementation Plan revision presents a modified approach to achieve the original Implementation Plan objectives.

This modified approach concentrates on actions necessary to assure that the waste in Hanford high level nuclear waste storage tanks can be safely stored and on obtaining timely characterization information for the tank waste Disposal Program.

This Implementation Plan revision has been developed by WHC with extensive interaction with both the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office and U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters. The revision was extensively reviewed by senior WHC executives and consultants.

Some of the milestones contained in this revision are not yet supported by funded activities in the current Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) Multi-Year Program Plan. Change requests to fund these activities will be submitted to RL not later than March 31, 1996. Once the change requests are approved, these activities will be entered in the TWRS scheduling system to allow electronic, automatic tracking of their status.

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This proposed Implementation Plan revision is forwarded with the intent of reaching formal, documented consensus on the path forward to resolving DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 actions.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment

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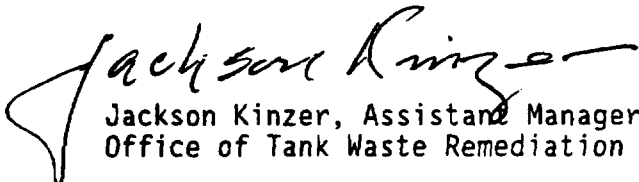
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ATTN OF: TWR:JEK 96-TWR-005  
SUBJECT: REVISION 1 OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB)  
RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TO: Maureen Hunemuller, Director  
Office of Hanford Operations, EM-38, HQ

Enclosed is a copy of Revision 1 to the DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan. This document is being forwarded on the schedule outlined to DNFSB members on Tuesday, February 20, 1996. We believe that the document is ready to move forward through the formal U. S. Department of Energy review process in preparation for transmittal by the Secretary to Mr. Conway.

We have worked the revisions closely with your staff and John Tseng. Jim Poppiti spent February 22-27, 1996, in Richland, sheparding the completion of the revision for Dr. Don Vieth. Don has worked closely with Jim to get the action memorandum and the transmittal letter (O'Leary to Conway) prepared.

If there are any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-7591 or Dr. Don Vieth on (509) 373-9189.

  
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Enclosure

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