



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Energy (DOE) has completed Actions 1-5, 2-2, and 2-4 of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP)*.

The deliverable for Action 1-5 is a letter to the Board communicating completion that includes the contract performance evaluation plan changes and performance measure changes. The enclosures to this letter include the revised WTP contract Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plans (PEMPs) for the period January 1, 2012, to June 30, 2012, and the period July 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012. The revised PEMP's seek to achieve balanced priorities between safety, cost and schedule performance. DOE expects to make improvements and changes to the WTP PEMP's for future periods to achieve balanced priorities as a result of information from federal oversight and based on experience, project performance, and other factors.

The deliverable for Action 2-2 is a letter to the Board transmitting safety culture training information. The enclosures to this letter contain the SAF-200 *Safety Conscious Work Environment Student Guide* for the pilot training course on June, 26, 2012, and a video recording of the Secretary's message to the DOE and contractor key senior leadership, which is part of the course. A senior member of the Board staff attended the pilot training course. The Department is using feedback from all participants in the pilot course to improve the course materials and presentation. DOE will provide the updated course materials to the Board when they are developed.

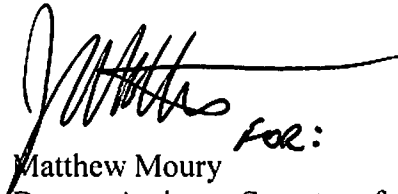
The deliverable for Action 2-4 is a letter transmitting the guidance for self-assessment of a Safety Conscious Work Environment (SCWE). The enclosures to this letter include the SCWE self-assessment guidance. DOE plans to conduct a workshop on use of the self assessment guidance prior to beginning the assessments. DOE also expects that this guidance will be improved based on experience with its use.



The Department is steadfast in its commitment to continue to improve the safety culture at its defense nuclear facilities and projects.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. James Hutton, Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, for Safety, Security, and Quality Programs, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Moury', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

for:
Matthew Moury
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Enclosures