



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

October 11, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In reviewing the status of actions remaining to complete the Office of Environmental Management's (EM) commitments associated with the Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2000-1, *Prioritization for Stabilizing Nuclear Materials*, the only remaining action is for the Richland Operations Office to complete sludge removal from the K-Basins. The final activities necessary to complete this effort are being managed and executed under the existing Sludge Treatment Project at the Hanford site.

The final sludge removal will be completed in accordance with commitments made under the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, or Tri-Party Agreement, which require close monitoring and negotiations with the State and Environmental Protection Agency to change. Because of this, as discussed with your staff, there is little benefit in also tracking this action under the Recommendation 2000-1 IP.

With all other actions in the IP having been completed, and the remaining sludge removal action being tracked formally through the Tri-Party Agreement and our normal interactions with the Board's staff, we believe it is appropriate to inform the Board that the EM portion of Recommendation 2000-1 IP is complete.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Huizenga".

David Huizenga
Senior Advisor
for Environmental Management

