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To All Suppliers/Subcontractors

Dear Suppliers/Subcontracts:

Safety Expectations at the Y-12 National Security Complex

The Savannah River Site experienced a tragedy on July 26 2004, when a subcontractor's vendor was fatally injured while assisting in loading a large piece of construction equipment onto a trailer. An in-depth investigation is underway that will identify contributing causes and appropriate actions to prevent recurrence. The results of that investigation and any corrective actions to be taken will be communicated, as appropriate, when they become available.

Although all work activities do not present the same degree of safety hazard as in the event that occurred on July 26, there is some element of risk in all jobs undertaken. For that reason, each commercial entity engaged in business with BWXT Y-12 and its partners must meet the following expectations for all work performed at the Y-12 National Security Complex:

- o Understand the hazards of the work to be performed and wear the appropriate safety equipment
- o Ensure employees are adequately trained on the work they are to perform.
- o Reinforce to employees their responsibility to look out not only for their own safety, but the safety of coworkers as well.
- o Recognize the hazards of moving equipment and vehicles and the need for clear communication with personnel in the area.
- o When multiple employees are working in the same general location, ensure the lines of communication are open and that work activities are coordinated.
- o Stop work when conditions change and reassess the work to determine if additional hazards have been introduced. Work must not resume until hazards are resolved.
- o Report all incidents and injuries to your BWXT Y-12 point of contact immediately.
- o Ensure these expectations, along with your subcontract requirements, are flowed to any subcontractor/supplier you may use in performing work at Y-12.

Safety is the fundamental corporate value for BWXT Y-12 and is a critical element of all that we do. The tragic event of July 26 at the Savannah River Site serves to strengthen our resolve to ensuring the safety of each individual who comes onto the Site.

Should you have any questions on these or other safety expectations, you may contact Craig Ferguson, Safety Manager, at (865) 241-8104.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. L. Waters, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert L. Waters, Jr.
Manager, Procurement

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