

## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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**TO:** G.W. Cunningham, Technical Director

**FROM:** P.F. Gubanc & D.G. Ogg, Hanford Site Representatives

**SUBJ:** Activity Report for Week Ending September 26, 1997

The Chairman and Vice-chairman were on site this week to attend briefings on the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) and the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project (SNFP). Staff member R. Arcaro and D. Wille were also on site for reviews of TWRS and the SNFP.

A. Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) Plan: On September 25, DOE-RL approved the Fluor Daniel Hanford (FDH) ISMS Plan. Earlier reviews of a draft of the ISMS Plan by the Site Representatives indicated significant improvement over its predecessor document, the ES&H Management Plan, which was rejected by DOE-RL. Copies will be forwarded to D.C. when they are available.

B. Spent Nuclear Fuel Project (SNFP): On September 22 and 23, Mr. Ogg and Mr. Wille held meetings with DOE-RL and the contractor to review specific details of SNFP sub-projects including the Cold Vacuum Drying (CVD) Facility, Integrated Water Treatment System, Fuel Retrieval System and the Canister Storage Building. Staff reviews will continue next week in order to better understand SNFP project management practices, procurement procedures, project resource loading and design issues.

C. TWRS Privatization: The British Nuclear Fuels, Ltd. (BNFL) team, one of two teams working on Phase I of the TWRS Privatization contract, presented its Standards Approval Package to the DOE-RL Regulatory Unit on September 26. Mr. Gubanc attended a portion of the meeting and will forward a copy of the Standards Approval Package to D.C.

D. HAMMER Dedication: Chairman Conway attended dedication ceremonies this week for the Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response (HAMMER) Training and Education Facility. Co-sponsored by DOE and Tulane University, HAMMER is a 120-acre training facility that will provide hands-on training and experience for hazardous materials workers and emergency responders.

cc: Board members