

July 18, 2011

Brian Grosner or Andrew L. Thibadeau
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Brian or Andrew,

Enclosed please find 61 comments collected from members of the public who attended an event we sponsored in a Seattle park on July 12, 2011. The comments are submitted for the public record in response to the Federal Register notice of June 20, 2011, relative to the Board's safety culture letter and recommendations to Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

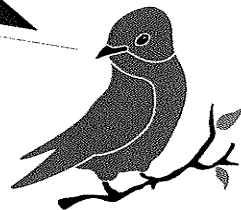
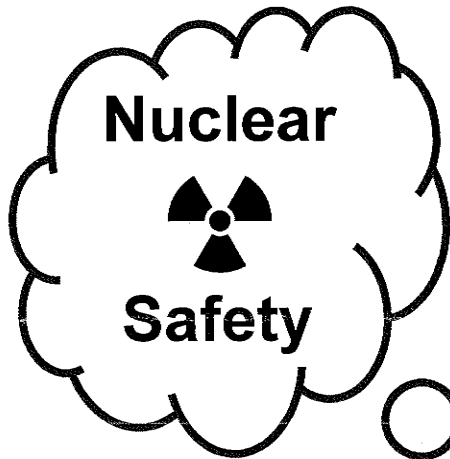
Thank you for accepting these comments,

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Join *Hanford Challenge* for **FREE Ice Cream in the Park!**

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good work
DNESB!
Liz



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This event is made possible through funding from the New Mexico Community Foundation.

**While supplies last.*

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Grace Cohen Email: CohenG@sls.edu Date: 7/12/11

I strongly support the recommendations from the DNFSB. No worker, or general employee, should be censored from speaking the truth.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Louise Tousseau Email: louise.tousseau@gmail.com Date: _____

Please consider the recommendations of the DNF513. ~~That~~ All workers deserve to have their voices heard.

Public Comments Re: *Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture*

Name: Alex Tayara Email: atayara@gmail.com Date: 07/12/2011

I support the recommendations of the DNFSB.

No worker should fear retaliation for speaking out to make our nuclear facilities safer.

Overcoming challenges ultimately leads to a stronger system.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Sarah Kelson **Email:** Jwahdogdaycare@gmail.com **Date:** 7/12/11

Please support the DNFSB's recommendations!
Workers should feel no fear in speaking up to make
work sites better.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Jessica D'Amour **Email:** jj.damour@yahoo.com **Date:** July 12th, 2011

We need more independent oversight of Hanford, which is why I support the Defense Board's involvement.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Zale Lightner-Shotwell **Email:** ZaleLS@hotmail.com **Date:** _____

Money should never be a substitute for safety. The people who acknowledge this should be protected.

I support the recommendations of the DNFSB.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Holly Walker Email: Humblebworker71@gmail.com Date: 7-12-11

Hearing about what you're doing, appreciate you and support your efforts! Thank

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety

Culture

Name:

J. Huerta

Email:

JosieHuerta05@yahoo

Date:

07/12/2011

Where CAN I Have More
~~info~~ Spanish info.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Kitza Ward **Email:** Kitza@me.com **Date:** _____

Great cause. I hope to get more information

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety

Culture

Name: PATTY McGee

Email: eegcompa@gmail.com

Date: 7/12/11

I would like to see meaningful responses to recommendations made by regulatory commissions regarding Atomic and nuclear energy waste disposal. Individuals should not fear repercussions due to ignorance over safety issues being overlooked. It is most important to support properly disposing of materials regardless of cost incurred, otherwise you defeat the purpose in developing a system of providing clean and safe energies to all the people in need. All entities should fear accountability and should assure a high level of performance in the duties assigned or will lack support of future people - believing understanding and knowing that the right thing is being done. In all cases, nuclear, atomic, solar, wind, and water power should be held responsible for actions that disrupt existing forms of life and habitat - Voices should be heard and accommodated which will result in a solution to this common problem that's universal and ongoing - Thank you

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety

Culture

Name:

mp secret

Email:

Ghrf Layton

Date:

2/12/11

Gherctiel

I support the DNFSB
Recommendations. DOE
needs to get independent
help to put reforms into

ACTION!!!!

agree with idea

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety

Culture

Name:

Thomas Hinkelman

Email:

TomHink@mac.com

Date:

7-12-11

I believe that instead of having waste be stored in tanks we should be able to voice opinions on how to store, dispose, and incinerate nuclear waste. The people that work at the plants should not fear their jobs or lively hood for expressing their opinions and educated views.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety
Culture

Name: Edmund M. Barker **Email:** edmundmbarker@yahoo.com **Date:** 7/22/11

Nuclear safety is a large priority

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Alvina Duman **Email:** ironiccontributor@hotmail.com **Date:** July 12th

What you are doing is courageous and just.
Don't let the man bring you down!

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Jamra Smirnich Email: fairmtrng@comcast.net Date: 7/1/2011

In regards to the findings by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board June 9, 2011; I am very concerned that many of the employees have felt pressure to refrain from speaking up when they have safety concerns as to the environment at the Washington State Hanford Nuclear Plant. If safety concerns are not being brought up to supervisor and other management levels, then not only are the employees and contractors on the site in jeopardy but also the public as safety concerns can possibly effect the local residents; the environment if there are lax safety regulations and breaches. Thank you for taking this situation seriously.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Bobby DiTrani **Email:** 4diffam@netzero.net **Date:** 7/12/11

I support the action to improve safety culture in order to preserve the safety of workers stationed at the Hanford Nuclear plant; there should be no negative repercussions in speaking up against unsafe working conditions, especially while working in such a site as Hanford.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Zach Jensen **Email:** ollicancksear@hotmail.com **Date:** 7-12-11

Safety at the Waste Treatment Plant is of fundamental importance not only for people but for the surrounding ecosystem. Those directly involved should be able to speak out concerning problems, thus I sincerely support the recommendations of the DNFSB.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety
Culture

Name: Tom Robinson Email: Tom.seattle@gmail.com Date: 7/12/11

I think the design and construction of the Waste Treatment Plant needs to be the most careful, safe, and deliberate effort ever undertaken in Washington State. So far, this has not been the case. I welcome a thorough investigation by the DNFSB to assure the best and safest WTP.

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Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: DAVID PEARSON

Email: DLE PEARSON @GMAIL.COM

Date: 1.12.11

I Support the DNFSB ~~to~~ in making
Realistic safety changes to ensure
workers safety; well bring while trying
to clean up this facility; make it a
safe community for Washington

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Grabe Email: 2014 grad@gmail.com Date: 7/12/11

More serious response is required to react to those who point out dangerous situations that ~~and~~ should be dealt with professionally.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Kirby Kirschenmann **Email:** Kirby Kirschenmann **Date:** July 11, 2011
@yahoo

Workers should not be fired for being whistle blowers. These safety violations need to be corrected, but don't punish people for doing their job. The DNFSB boards letter for reforms and improvements is an important first step.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Anne Marie Eitwein Email: annamarsea@gmail.com Date: 7/12

The safety of workers, citizens, and the environment must be the top priority in the cleanup of Hanford.

The retaliation against employee whistleblowers must stop, and ^{need to be} processes enacted to ensure safety and reporting of issues.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Ed Hilliard Email: edhilliard666@ Date: 7-12-17
bertawell.com

I support the whistle blowers and agree that no one should fear retaliation for wanting to work in a safe nuclear power plant.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Gene Lipitz Email: _____ Date: 7/12/11

Whistle blower ^{protection} laws + spirit should
upheld at Hanford & exit interviews
should be routinely conducted +
made publicly available. However, I
do not support blanket ios protection
for federal workers.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: wendell.H Email: OliverTwisted^{@gmail.com} Date: 7/12/11

Workers at the plant
Should be able to speak their
minds without ~~the~~ fear of
getting fired.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: JESSICA **Email:** wolfej146@live.com **Date:** 7/12/11

I BELIEVE A PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS + SAFETY CONCERNS WITHOUT FEAR OF PERSECUTION + LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Eric Rosenfeld **Email:** erlc@uoregon.edu **Date:** 7/12/2011

The clean up of the Hanford Waste Site should focus on the safety of the workers and the people who may use it afterwards, not on finishing quickly and cheaply. Therefore I support the DNFSB's recommendations

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Sam F Email: samfosnite@gmail Date: 7/12/11

Hanford Needs to Put Safety
and accountability first, and
assure that workers are free
to speak up!!!

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name:

Pamela

Email:

Date:

7/12/11

Everyone should feel safe at work,
Companies shouldn't fire complainants
because they disagree.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Clare Champenowre Email: cchampenowre@gmail.com Date: 7/12/11


It is important to me that Waste Treatment Plants in the USA are safe, it is appalling that workers must fear a loss of their job because of their concerns regarding plant safety.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: GERARD DE VRIES Email: gerardde1@ Date: 7/12/11
YAHOO.COM

I AM OUTRAGED AT THE SIDELINING OF DR. TAMUSAITIS.
HANFORD NEEDS TO PUT SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
FIRST AND ASSURE THAT WORKERS ARE FREE TO
SPEAK UP.

WE NEED MORE INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF HANFORD,
WHICH IS WHY I SUPPORT THE DEFENSE BOARD'S
INVOLVEMENT.



Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Blake **Email:** _____ **Date:** 7/12/11

Hanford needs to put safety for workers and needs to provide a safe environment and that cant be done without a workplace that has freedom of speech.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Sam Carpenter

Email: SamCarpenter7250@yahoo.com

Date: 07/12/11

It is more important to have a safe waste treatment plant than it is for contractors to earn a profit by making a deadline, while cutting corners. I support the recommendations of the DNFSB. No worker should fear retaliation for speaking out to make our nuclear facilities safer.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety
Culture

Name: Annah Edmonds Email: edmondsa@hotmail.com Date: 2/14/2011

YES! To protection by the ~~Defense~~ DNFSB. The alternate outcome (explosion-leakage-pollution) is unacceptable.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Tamosa Zis for speaking out, speaking the truth and honoring the future of our earth.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Greg Zeman Email: gzeman@tullpa.com Date: 7/12/11

No short term gains the Waste Treatment Plant contractors, at the expense of long term loss for my children, grand children (future), and great grand children.

The impact of this clean-up will impact generations to come - we can't afford to mess this up! Implement the

DNFSB recommendations now!

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Julia Montagnet **Email:** jmontagnet@gmail.com **Date:** 7/12/11

I want to see contractors working on the clean-up who put work ethic & quality FIRST - instead of profit for their company. If that means firing Bechtel & starting over with another company it would be worth it. The corruption within Bechtel & their DOE ties runs so deep it needs to be completely overhauled in order to stop wasting millions of tax payers' money on lining Bechtel's pockets.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Nadine Maestas **Email:** ndmaestas@nettel.com **Date:** 7/12/11

Hanford needs to put safety and accountability first, and assure that workers are free to speak up. It is more important to have a safe waste treatment plant than it is for contractors to earn profit for making a deadline, while cutting corners.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: J. MONTAGNET Email: X-DNFSB@JOPE.NET Date: 2011-07-12

I FULLY SUPPORT THE DNFSB RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DYSFUNCTIONAL SAFETY OVERSIGHT CULTURE AT HANFORD. MOVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEAN-UP FROM D.O.E. TO THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOLKS SEEMS LIKE A MOVE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, UNFORTUNATELY.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety

Culture

Name: W. Scott Davis Email: WSDAVIS1@HOTMAIL.COM Date: 7/2/11

Please respond to the DNFSB recommendations in a meaningful, swift, and lasting way. The issues we face as Washingtonians, at Hanford are so grave that we risk facing generations of health risks if our DOE does not do the clean up the right way this time around. Workers @ Hanford should face absolutely NO concerns for their employment when they raise ~~concerns~~ ^{questions} or "whistle blow". Please help protect us by requiring that Safety and Accountability are prioritized @ Hanford, rather than efficiency and profit.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Emake Danforth **Email:** edanforth@hotmail.com **Date:** 7-12-11

I support the DNFSB recommendations in critical health and safety areas of concern such as nuclear waste, an open culture that promotes safety communication is essential.

Not only do whistleblowers need protection, but there needs to be a personal-blame free atmosphere that addresses safety concerns from a systems perspective.

Sincerely,

Emake Danforth

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Nina Schwinghammer **Email:** ndschwinghammer@alaska.edu **Date:** 11/12

It is important for the Nuclear industry to be responsible for its actions in order for Nuclear power to continue as a stable energy source.

Thanks

Nina Schwinghammer

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: CHARLIE ERNST Email: NAMCHE CHARLIE @ Date: 7/12/19
YAHOO.COM

IT'S BEEN 40+ YRS - CLEAN IT UP!

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Wynne Tester Email: Wynne.tester@gmail.com Date: 7/12/2011

The safety of the environment and our families is dependant on the hardworking men and women willing to share their concerns when they see an error. If people are fired for showing these flaws that ultimately could threaten our safety. We need to protect these people & create a work environment that is collabarative, allowing open^{ly} dialog between workers and employers.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Ida Jokisaari **Email:** idallano@yahoo.com **Date:** 7/12/11

The fact that individuals have been fired for raising safety concerns at Hanford nuclear facilities is unacceptable. The long term safety of the public is adversely affected by such a retaliatory culture. The management of Hanford should be accountable for the safety of the operations and the public as well as the culture of safety in their organization.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety
Culture

Name: SUSAN MASSEY Email: RAINBOND@COMCAST.NET Date: 7-12-2011

I support the recommendations
of the DNFSB. DOE needs
to get independent recommendations
to implement reforms. Workers
should not fear retaliation
for being whistleblowers!

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Page Lee Email: pagelee@comcast.com Date: 7-12-11

Hanford needs to put safety first & assure that workers are free to speak up.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Don Oahn **Email:** woonahn@hanmail.net **Date:** 07/14/2011

I support DNFSB's Recommendation

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Rachel Blum Cantone Email: RachelABlum@yahoo.com Date: 7/12/11

Hanford needs to be putting safety and accountability first, and assure that workers are free to speak up. We need more independent oversight of Hanford, which is why I support the Defense Board's involvement.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Joon H Song Email: junio-song Date: _____
@hammail.net

I support DNFSB

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Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Shannon Smith Email: shannon.a.smith@gmail Date: 7/12/11

We all want Hanford workers to Be safe at their jobs and in their jobs. In any profession, measures of safety and protocol exist and I support the Defense Board's letter and recommendations. Protect all nuclear facility workers' right to ensure their workplace safety culture!

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Jonathan Sheneman **Email:** Johnny@pac.kk@ychoo **Date:** 7-12-11

It's extremely important to construct a facility like this carefully with focus on details involving transportation, loading and eventual storage of highly toxic ~~Waste~~ Waste.

Incidences such as a simple Valve blow-out on the Multi-million dollar Deepwater Horizon ~~with~~ Project caused a huge still-undetermined environmental mess.

It's important to get it right - the first time -

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Alex Popper Email: _____ Date: 7/12/11

Nuclear waste and the appropriate response to cleaning it up should be an open safe debate. When there is a violation for an opinion to safe clean up of nuclear waste there is a problem in the process

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Quetzal ⁰⁷⁰⁷⁶⁰ McCormick Email: Quetzal.Gubickha@gmail.com Date: 7-17-11

I am sorry to hear that workers reporting safety violations at a NUCLEAR PLANT still harboring plutonium is being allowed.

This should NOT be acceptable in WA, state, let alone the U.S. given recent world events (Japan nuclear incident).

please, we need fair treatment of employees who ARE doing their jobs excellently.

concerned, Quetzal G.M.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: MARTIN Email: Martyc11023@yahoo.com Date: _____

Reporting the Safety of the
Nuclear plant is right and they
Should not be fired for it.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name:

LISA Lightner

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lalisuan@comcast.com

Date:

7-12-11

I feel strongly that it is more important to have a safe waste treatment plant than it is for contractors to earn profit for more a deadline while cutting corners.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Louis Gervais Email: louisgervais@ Date: 7/11/11
hotmail.com

Why spend the time, money and effort to control hazardous waste and not include all the best minds feedback? I support the recommendations of the DNFSB.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Toni Craig Email: acraig@westgen.edu Date: 7/12/11

There needs to be more independent oversight @ Hanford.
It is more important to have a safe Waste Treatment plant
than it is for contractors to earn profit by cutting corners.
This is an enormous public safety issue. Protect
whistleblowers w/ legislation!

- Toni Craig

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name: Michael Hindley Email: cooljo6633@earthlink.net Date: 7/12/11

I really think that safety should be the number 1 priority. There is no reason for the safety of workers or others to be at risk because of this. Doing things right should not be punished because someone wants a paycheck



Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety
Culture

Name: Isaac Stahl Email: stahl,isaac@gmail.com Date: 7-12-11

Support the freedom of speech & of workers
& respect their health safety rights. Respond
to ^{safety} concerns quickly & with the most urgency.

Public Comments Re: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendations on WTP Safety Culture

Name:

Justine Andreychuk

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Date:

7/12/11

I am concerned about the future of the Hanford Treatment plant for Nuclear Waste — please take into consideration the implications of this future site on the environment — especially our watersheds — safety always comes first! I support the DNFSE recommendations. Thank You!