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Mr. Leo Sain
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Dear Mr. Sain:

As you know, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is holding a Public Hearing and Meeting on October 7-8, 2010, to consider safety related design topics of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Project (WTP) at the Hanford Site. You received both a letter dated September 14, 2010, and, at your request, a subpoena dated September 22, 2010, for your appearance to provide testimony.

The letter indicated that you were to appear to present important insights to the Board and DOE regarding safety related concerns related to the delivery of feed to WTP. The subpoena provided additional detail on the topics to be covered in your testimony concerning the integration of facilities and operations in the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) and the Hanford Tank Farms. As stated in the subpoena, the topics include the strategy for preparing, characterizing, and delivering waste feed to WTP that meets the anticipated waste acceptance criteria; supplemental facilities and technology development needed to accomplish the entire waste disposition mission safely, given known limitations and uncertainties in WTP and the Tank Farms; and interfaces between safety bases and operating envelopes of the facilities involved in the waste disposition mission.

Out of an abundance of caution, I want to make sure you were aware that the Board, pursuant to the subpoena, has provided additional detail regarding the scope of the subjects which you will be expected to provide testimony on. I hope this helps clarify any ambiguity. Again, as referenced in the letter, the agenda for the hearing is posted on the Board's web page, http://www.dnfsb.gov/pub_docs/public_hearings/all/ph.php. The agenda will be updated as preparations for the meeting and hearing are finalized.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
Chairman