

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 March 13, 1998

Mr. Gubanc was on travel to Sandia National laboratory March 9-13. Mr. Ogg was on travel to Los Alamos National Laboratory March 10-12. Due to limited coverage, this week's report is abbreviated.

A. Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP): DOE-RL has not yet approved the Babcock and Wilcox Hanford Co. (BWHC) restart plan for PFP. In addition to the restart plan, Fluor Daniel Hanford (FDH) has committed to provide an assessment plan for PFP. DOE-RL reports that completion dates for these documents is uncertain.

The DOE-RL Readiness Assessment (RA) team has finished their report, and expects to have final signatures and approvals by Monday morning. The report will be forwarded to DNFSB headquarters when available.

B. Spent Nuclear Fuel Project (SNFP): Two corporate representatives from Duke Flour Daniel (an alliance between Duke Power and Flour Daniel) were on site this week to review the SNF Project. They did not provide a close-out with the local DOE-RL office. However, FDH reports that the presidents of Duke and Flour Daniel will brief Secretary Peña after the site reviewers deliver their reports.

cc: Board members