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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your November 1, 2013, letter and review of our analysis of tank 241-AY-102 at Hanford. I appreciate the opinions and insights contained in your letter and value the advice you provided.

For now, the capability to transfer liquids out of the primary tank is in place and equipment for pumping liquids from the annulus is staged for quick deployment. Video inspections are performed weekly and continue to show minor changes in the appearance and volume of the leaked waste; however, no pumpable liquid is present in the annulus.

Thank you again and to your staff for your timely review and advice.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Kenneth G. Picha, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tank Waste and Nuclear Material, at (202) 586-2003.

Sincerely.

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