

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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TO: G.W. Cunningham, Technical Director

FROM: D.G. Ogg, Hanford Site Representative

SUBJ: Activity Report for Week Ending May 29, 1998

Mr. Gubanc departed the Hanford site on Friday May 29. Staff members Krahn, Arcaro, Von Holle, and Moyle were on site May 27 and 28 for a review at PFP.

A. Spent Nuclear Fuel Project (SNFP): Duke Engineering & Services Hanford (DESH), Fluor Daniel Hanford (FDH) and DOE-RL continue to work on the new "high confidence" schedule and related cost information for the project. DOE-RL still hopes to provide the new schedule to the Board by June 15, as committed in the 94-1 Public Hearing of May 7.

DESH also continues to revise the code-compliance case for the multi-canister overpack (MCO) in response to inquiries from the Board's staff. In mid- to late-June, the staff plans to review this effort as well as DESH's plan for MCO monitoring at the Canister Storage Building.

As discussed in correspondence between FDH and DOE-RL in early May, FDH plans to make a recommendation today to DOE-RL about whether to recompet the SNFP contract. That recommendation is not expected to be made available until DOE-RL reviews it.

B. Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS): On May 28, Mr. Ogg met with representatives of DOE-RL, Lockheed-Martin Hanford Co., and DESH to discuss the upcoming Board staff evaluation of ISMS implementation at the activity level. This review, to be conducted at the priority facilities (K-Basins and Tank Farms), will begin next week.

Although the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) does not operate any "priority" facilities under Recommendation 95-2, PNNL has prepared for an ISMS Phase 1 Verification Review that will begin the week of June 8. The Board's staff plans to monitor this effort, as it will be the first instance of ISMS verification at a national laboratory.

C. New Work Schedule: Recently, DOE-RL decided to give its federal workers the option to switch to the new 8-9s work schedule that FDH and its contractors started in early May. The federal workers may begin the new hours the week of June 8, and it appears that most will participate. This now means that the bargaining unit (operators, RCTs, technicians) is the only group not participating in the new work schedule (note that Bechtel Hanford, Inc. and PNNL are not affected by this schedule).

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