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Dear Mr. Anttonen:

Your letter of October 30, 1992, forwarded the minutes and tape recordings of the meeting between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), held in Richland, Washington, on July 16, 1992. NRC staff attending the meeting have reviewed the minutes and believe that there were additional items of significance that should also be made a part of the record. These are summarized below:

1. DOE representatives stated in the meeting that the tank waste program is in the process of being reevaluated and rebaselined and that a report would be issued in March 1993.
2. DOE stated their intent, for the tank waste grouting program, to apply safety standards similar to those in 10 CFR Part 61 and, in particular, to have performance objectives equivalent to those set out therein.
3. Chad Glenn, NRC, recalls raising the question as to whether all of the double shell tank (DST) waste had been treated to remove key radionuclides and that Westinghouse Hanford staff stated that not all tank waste had been processed.

Please note that Michael Weber's mail stop is 5 E4 on Page 1 of the summary Attachment 2, and that Jim Wolf's name is spelled incorrectly in two places on page 2 of Attachment 2.

Lastly, we suggest that this letter be made a part of the meeting summary.

If you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact Richard A. Weller at (301) 504-3458.

Sincerely,

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