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SUBJECT: RADIOACTIVE WASTE TANK CLOSURE WORKSHOP SURVEY

Dear Ms. Bubar:

The Division of Waste Management (DWM) participants in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Radioactive Waste Tank Closure Workshop, held on October 7-8, 1997, found the Workshop useful and provocative. There is clearly a great deal of interest in this subject and some strong feelings associated with the related topics. As a regulatory Agency involved in this effort, the opportunity for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff to be included in DOE discussions on the status of high-level waste tank closures is appreciated.

Two responses to the Survey on Future Tank Closure Meetings, requested in your letter dated November 25, 1997, are enclosed. The surveys were completed by Jennifer Davis and Jack Parrott, of DWM, two of the NRC attendees at the October Workshop.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Jennifer Davis of my staff at (301) 415-5874, or via Internet mail service (bjd1@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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SURVEY ON FUTURE TANK CLOSURE MEETINGS

The tank closure workshop generated the following list of suggested follow up meetings. Please rank the meetings in the order of most interest to you personally (Column 1) and most interest to the tank closure program (Column 2). A ranking of "1" is most important and "12" is least important; however, topics can share a ranking number (i.e., several meetings can be ranked as "1"). In the third column, for meetings of interest to you, choose a month and year to hold the first meeting. List frequency in the fourth column.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Meeting Topic	Personal Ranking in Order of Priority (1-12)	Program Ranking in Order of Priority (1-12)	Month/Yr or Season of First Meeting	Frequency (i.e., quarterly, annually)
Second Tank Closure Workshop	1	1	*	ANNUALLY
Site Characterization Methods	4	2		ANNUALLY
Retrieval Capabilities and Concepts	3	2		ANNUALLY
Comparison of Regulatory Regimes and Integration of ARARs	5	4		ONCE
NRC Responsibility Related to Tank Closure	1	2		ONCE
Hanford Technology Initiative - Shared Technology	3	3		ANNUALLY
Other Related Facility Closures	4	3		ANNUALLY
Lessons Learned from Tank Closure	2	2		ANNUALLY
Waste Characterization Methods	2	2		ANNUALLY
Complex-wide Integration	2	2		ANNUALLY
Richland/Idaho Tank Closure Issues	4	3		ANNUALLY
Complex-wide End States	4	3		ANNUALLY
Other meetings				

* Fall 1998 (suggested in meeting)

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Retrieval Capabilities and Concepts	8			Once
Comparison of Regulatory Regimes and Integration of ARARs	3			Once
NRC Responsibility Related to Tank Closure	2		Fall 1998	Once
Hanford Technology Initiative - Shared Technology	10			Once
Other Related Facility Closures	12			Once
Lessons Learned from Tank Closure	5			Annually
Waste Characterization Methods	6			Once
Complex-wide Integration	9			Once
Richland/Idaho Tank Closure Issues	11			Once
Complex-wide End States	4			Once
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