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Status Report for the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) Review

Accomplishments

- The letter containing allegations that was provided to the NRC was referred to the DOE IG as determined by the Allegation Review Board. This was because NRC determined that it might contain safety issues. NRC does not have jurisdiction.
- Contacted GAO and discussed the scope of their engagement. The GAO engagement addresses key elements of effective independent oversight of DOE facilities and determining how shifting more oversight to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board or the NRC might improve nuclear safety oversight of DOE facilities. Their report is due in late May 2008.

Near-Term Planned Activities

- Work with the Office of the Executive Director of Operations as needed to finalize Congressional correspondence to the Oversight and Appropriations Committees on NRC's approach in accomplishing the requested review
- Develop initial draft of NRC's review of the WTP
- Contact DOE Health, Safety and Security to discuss their oversight responsibilities with regard to the Hanford WTP