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Public Comment: Allocate enough money to do the job right. Raise the debt ceiling so these problems are not a curse for the next generations. Protect the whistleblowers so that the problems are brought to light and solved. There needs to be a meaningful response from the Department of Energy to the situation involving Dr. Walter Tamosaitis. Until his situation is fully resolved, workers will continue to fear reprisal. His case is the first step in curing the broken safety culture.

No worker should fear retaliation for speaking out to make our nuclear facilities safer. The DOE and the Board must assure that every DOE nuclear facility, including at Hanford, needs to put safety and accountability first, and assure that workers are free to speak up.

Any resolution to this problem should include enacting regulations and legislation that assure protection to workers when they speak out about safety, health, environmental or technical issues. The failure to establish or maintain a non-chilled work environment should result in financial penalties and, in cases where the problems persist, the loss of a contract. Compliance with these regulations should be subject to investigation and verification by the DNFSB, under the provisions of the Price Anderson Authorization Act.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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