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Subject: [Request for Information] Hanford WTP Investigation by DNFSB

Mecal Samkow sent a message using the contact form at <http://www.dnfsb.gov/website-tools/contact>.

This message does not fall into the category of 'request for information' but rather is a public comment regarding the safety investigation at the WTP currently under construction at the Hanford, Washington nuclear waste site. Please edit the 'category' pull-down to include 'other' or 'public comment'.

While I am currently involved with the Hanford WTP I am speaking as a member of the public and should not be affiliated with any group or institution, my views do not reflect the opinions of the boards that I am a participant of. One simple suggestion for the DNFSB investigation at Hanford: to thoroughly analyze the contractors' incentives (and inversely the contractors' penalties) for the WTP projects and goals; the role of deadlines and financial profits/losses may prove to be significant drivers for the problems identified at the WTP; it is important to know if safety and technology challenges are overlooked in aims to 'fulfill' the contract agreement. Understandably, these project completion dates are integrated with Tri-Party Agreements, and this integration (dynamic interplay) should be reviewed and analyzed as well. One further request is for the public to have more opportunity to learn about these issues and provide input.

Thank you and please do let me know this was submitted as a formal public comment, Mecal Samkow