

SUBJECT: Office of Independent Oversight's Office of Environment, Safety and Health Evaluations Meetings at Hanford on the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF) - May 17-19, 2010

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Independent Oversight, within the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS), conducted various meetings with Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) managers/staff responsible for WESF during the period May 17-19, 2010. The purpose of the visit was to ascertain ways in which HSS would be able to carry out its independent oversight responsibilities with respect to WESF in a method that encourages collaboration with DOE-RL. DOE-RL identified the need to review the Documented Safety Analysis (DSA) in regard to the safety of the WESF storage pool. At the completion of the visit and with agreement from DOE-RL, HSS committed to review the current WESF DSAs and provide preliminary comments to DOE-RL nuclear safety contacts around July 12, 2010.