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Dr. Mildred McClain
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Mr. Robert Slay
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Dear Dr. McClain and Mr. Slay:

Thank you for two recent recommendations regarding the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) and the high level radioactive waste management system.

I suggest further discussion to develop a common understanding of Independent Scientific Peer Review (ISPR) and establish ground rules, expectations, and agree where ISPR is most appropriate. Both DWPF and the High Level Waste System have already undergone extensive independent review, so clarifying discussions would be helpful to ensure future reviews have the intended effect.

My deputy, Ernie Chaput, and Lee Watkins, who manages the high level waste program, will be present during the Board's next meeting to begin this dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mario P. Fiori".

Mario P. Fiori
Manager

cc:
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