



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL


MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2016
REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: IG-323 (A16RL044)
SUBJECT: Special Review of The Department of Energy's Actions Taken to Address Employee Concerns Regarding Vapor Exposures at the Hanford Tank Farm
TO: Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management
Manager, Office of River Protection

The Office of Inspector General, Western Audits and Inspections Division, is planning to start a special review of the actions taken by the Department to address worker concerns regarding vapor exposures at the Hanford Tank Farm. Fieldwork will be conducted at the Office of River Protection, and its contractor, Washington River Protection Solutions.

We request that an entrance conference be scheduled on May 31, 2016, and fieldwork to commence on June 6, 2016. The purpose of the entrance conference is to brief you and your staff on: (1) the review scope, (2) the reporting procedures to be used during the review, and (3) any other related matters that you may like to discuss. In the interest of achieving maximum audit effectiveness and establishing the closest possible working relationships, we request that representatives of your organization attending the entrance conference include the highest levels of management having a particular interest in the audit.

Mr. Jake Pesek will be leading this assignment and will be contacting your audit liaison shortly to make the necessary arrangements. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Pesek at (509) 376-7639, the Team Leader, Debbie Thomas at (509) 373-9959, or the Director, Jonathan Black at (208) 526-4209.


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