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Addressees:

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) DETERMINATION FOR PROPOSED SODIUM RESIDUALS REACTION/REMOVAL AND OTHER WORK ACTIVITIES, FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY (FFTF) PROJECT, HANFORD SITE, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON (DOE/EA-1547)**

As authorized by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures [10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1021], I am notifying you of a DOE determination to prepare the subject document. The draft EA will be sent to you for your review prior to finalization.

DOE proposes to react and remove sodium residuals, and perform other work in a different way than was evaluated in the DOE NEPA "Environmental Assessment, Shutdown of the Fast Flux Test Facility, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington" and "Finding of No Significant Impact" (DOE/EA-0993, May 1995). Performing these activities would support lower cost, environmentally-safe surveillance and maintenance activities at the FFTF prior to decommissioning under the "Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning the Fast Flux Test Facility at the Hanford Site" (DOE/EIS-0364), in preparation.

If you have any questions about this proposed action, please contact Doug Chapin, the DOE NEPA Document Manager, on (509)3 73-9396. Questions regarding the NEPA process may be directed to me, on (509) 376-6667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul F. X. Dunigan, Jr.".

Paul F. X. Dunigan, Jr.  
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