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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

June 14, 2013

The Honorable Peter Winokur  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Winokur:

We are writing to invite you or your designee to testify before the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Contract Management by the Department of Energy." The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review contract management by the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management. The hearing will examine the Department's management and oversight of environmental remediation at active cleanup sites, including its ability to control costs and schedules and ensure safety controls are adequately considered in the design process. The hearing will also assess the Department's reliance on cost-based contracts and award fees.

Your testimony should address the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's oversight of the Department's cleanup activities and the role of safety in the design and construction of processing and storage facilities. Your testimony should also address the Department's safety culture, including risk assessments and quality assurance processes. In addition, you should be prepared to discuss ongoing safety concerns at Department sites, including the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant at Hanford and the Salt Waste Processing Facility at Savannah River.

We request that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.** Please send official correspondence relating to this invitation, including an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography, to Subcommittee Clerk, Lauren Corcoran, at [Lauren\\_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Lauren_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov).

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108<sup>th</sup> Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113<sup>th</sup> Congress).

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We look forward to your participation. Please contact Sarah Garcia with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 or Teague Lyons with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-9453 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial and  
Contracting Oversight



Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial and  
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