

In late 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection chartered an independent systematic study on the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) High Level Waste (HLW) Facility design and operability. The study was conducted to increase DOE's confidence in the design and operability of key HLW mechanical and process systems. The study identified potential risks and recommendations to mitigate those risks, and Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) has developed a suite of actions to address these recommendations. Both the study and action plan are key components in moving the project forward. DOE will continue its oversight as BNI advances the design, construction, and commissioning of the WTP Project to ensure it will operate safely and efficiently.