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To whom it may concern:

Safety Concerns at AMWTP

This letter is being written to voice concern on what is occurring at AMWTP and lack of safety and health management. With the numerous events and issues that have been occurring at the plant, safety and health is taking their direction from Operations and their management is being directed in the same manner. Safety concerns related to cell entries and retrieval are being dismissed with no resolution and safety and health management is concurring to Operations, all in support of Production Schedules.

Safety and health support personnel have voiced concern that their management does exactly what Operations wants them to do, and they don't agree with it, but are being told to support the production schedule, that they will address the safety concerns.

This is the same lack of support that lead to the retrieval box event, where there was no separation of safety and health and operations. Operations were running the show and safety and health was told to step aside, along with every other support organization.

This exact thing is occurring again, safety and health management needs to separate from Operations and do the right thing and safe thing for the workers, regardless of the production schedules.

The IS/IH support personnel are trying to do the right thing, however are beginning to step aside due to being exhausted from being beaten down, mostly from their own management.

Additional events are going to occur with the path this project is on, and the management especially the safety and health management is poisoned and concerned more with the production schedule rather than the safe operation of the project. Something needs to be investigated before something seriously goes bad or someone seriously gets hurt. How many more events need to occur before DOE starts to look into the management and find the safety and health manager is not doing his job and doing the right thing for the safety of the workers.