Following the recommendation from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) that WSI Oak Ridge’s contract for security services be terminated, B&W Y-12 will terminate WSI Oak Ridge’s contract and take direct responsibility for security at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Security activities will be transitioned beginning October 1 to B&W Y-12 in an orderly manner that ensures that safe and secure operations remain the highest priority.

All active Y-12 security police officers and all other active union WSI Oak Ridge employees at Y-12 and the Central Training Facility will be offered employment with B&W Y-12 at their current wages and benefits. B&W Y-12 will honor the collective bargaining agreements with union employees. B&W Y-12 will also conduct an evaluation and hiring process for non-union WSI Oak Ridge employees who provide supervision and support to the security police officers at Y-12. WSI Oak Ridge employees at Y-12 and the Central Training Facility should continue coming to work as scheduled.

"B&W Y-12 fully supports NNSA’s recommendation in this matter and will work diligently to further enhance the security at Y-12 and make the transition for former WSI Oak Ridge employees as seamless as possible," said B&W Y-12 President and General Manager Chuck Spencer. "We recognize that our focus on safety and security at Y-12 cannot be compromised, and we remain committed to continuing to drive improvements in both areas."

WSI Oak Ridge was operating under a separate contract to NNSA for the security force at Y-12 when a trespassing event occurred on July 28, 2012. After that event, NNSA made WSI Oak Ridge a subcontractor to B&W Y-12, resulting in single-point accountability for security.

Following the trespassing incident, B&W Y-12 quickly began making changes to prevent any future occurrences. These actions included the removal and replacement of key leadership personnel, restoration of critical security system elements to service and refining and recalibrating of alarm system components to enhance reliability. Through multiple corrective measures, daily site-wide alarms have been significantly reduced and protective force alarm responses have improved.

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