Pallarino, Bob

Importance:

High

Tom/Steve -

Attached is forwarded for your (and DoH's) review.

As I previously discussed with Steve, Navy/DLA would like to get started on the Tank Upgrade/Release Detection Study as soon as possible. We have a window of opportunity (and a captive audience in DC right now) to request funding in Aug/Sep 2015. This funding request would be part of the regular 2017 budget cycle, so if approved, we would not see it until 2017.

At this point, we just want to get a budget marker in to be able to upgrade the tanks starting in 2017. To do that, we need to have a rough order of magnitude cost on possible tank improvements. This study will give us that (see the 65% deliverable by August).

Understanding that we all want the AOC/SOW signed as soon as possible, realistically that may take a few more months with public review period, etc.

So I am asking for your support to expedite this study well before we sign the AOC/SOW. Navy/DLA chains fully support as upgrading the tanks correctly, but with a sense of urgency, is what I think we all want.

Looking forward to discussing this with you on Tuesday.

Thanks. V/R, Dean

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