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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable John E. Mansfield
Vice Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

On July 12, 2006, Secretary Bodman submitted the Department of Energy's (DOE) revised Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2004-2, *Active Confinement Systems*. Deliverable 8.6.3 of the IP consists of facility-specific confinement ventilation system evaluations performed by the site offices in accordance with the Department's Ventilation System Evaluation Guidance. Deliverable 8.6.5 consists of Program Secretarial Office concurrence and approval of the disposition of gaps and upgrades. This letter and its enclosure comprise Deliverables 8.6.3 and 8.6.5 for Criticality Experimental Facility located in the Device Assembly Facility at the Nevada Test Site.

In accordance with the IP and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) guidance dated December 6, 2006, the DOE Independent Review Panel (IRP) and the NNSA Central Technical Authority's Chief of Defense Nuclear Safety (CDNS) have performed separate reviews of the evaluation and its conclusions. The NNSA CDNS and IRP have concluded that the evaluation and its results are technically sound and appropriate, and meet the intent of the IP. Our review concurs with the conclusions reached by the site, IRP, and CDNS.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or its enclosure, please contact me or have your staff contact Kim Loll by phone at (202) 586-8955 or by e-mail at Kim.Loll@nnsa.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. D'Agostino
Administrator

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