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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Washington, DC 20004-2901

July 27, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Chu:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is conducting an investigation, pursuant to the authority of 42 U.S.C. § 2286a(2), of health and safety concerns described in a letter to the Board dated July 16, 2010, from [redacted], who also provided a copy of the letter to John Boulden III, DOE, Office of Enforcement and Steve Simonson, DOE, Office of Enforcement. The Board requires ready access to information. You should take all necessary steps to ensure that material information is preserved from alteration or destruction so that the Board has the opportunity to exercise its statutory investigative authority. The Board expects preservation of all records and files bearing upon the matters alleged by [redacted] in any format, including but not limited to official records and documents, informal transmittals, emails, presentations, personal notes, audio and video recordings, and telephone records. You are specifically requested to preserve all working papers and other documents saved by [redacted] had access while assigned to the [redacted].

The designated Board contact for this investigation is Richard A. Azzaro, General Counsel, 202-694-7014, richa@dnfsb.gov.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
Chairman

Enclosure

c: Dr. Inés R. Triay- Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
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