



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585

March 29, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

On December 2, 2009, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) issued a letter with a 90-day reporting requirement for a report on the actions taken or planned by the Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) to address work planning and controls deficiencies. My letter dated February 23, 2010, promised a response by April 2, 2010.

This letter transmits reports from LASO and LANS that provide the completed and planned actions to the identified deficiencies. Additionally, Defense Programs (NA-10) has partnered with the Energy Facilities Contractors Group (EFCOG) to begin a long-term initiative to improve work planning and work control within the National Security Enterprise. As part of this effort we are considering developing tools and improving guidance on work planning and work control within the Department. Your staff is already involved in the EFCOG groups and is welcome to participate in the initiative.

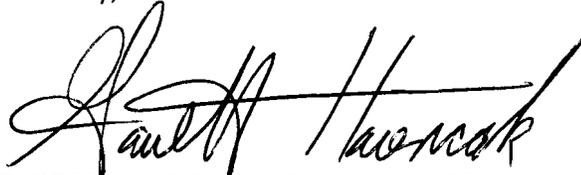
LANS developed actions to address the issues identified in your letter and also used the opportunity to re-evaluate and in some cases continue the changes and improvements that have been made in work planning and work control over the past three years. The revised plan has broad support from the laboratory's senior leadership and the goal is to develop and implement, effective, sustainable improvements in activity level work control.

LASO oversight actions will continue to implement a risk-based oversight program in accordance with DOE O 226.1A, *Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy*. Facility Representatives and subject matter experts will perform work planning and control oversight as committed in the attached LASO response and annual LASO assessment plan. LASO, with support from other NNSA organizations, will conduct an independent work planning and control assessment in FY 2011 to assess the effectiveness and implementation of LANS improvement activities across the laboratory.



If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. William (Ike) White at (202) 586-8214.

Sincerely,

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