



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 29, 2010

The Honorable John E. Mansfield
Vice Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Vice Chairman:

In your January 20, 2010, letter you expressed concerns with the management of aging apparatus in the fire department fleet; the oversight of fire protection exemptions, equivalencies, and position papers; and whether known fire protection deficiencies and conditions are managed effectively throughout the Savannah River (SR) site. There were also concerns that the SR fire protection program plan is five years out-of-date and that the Federal staffing is inadequate. You specifically requested that the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board be informed of progress in replacing the fire department fleet.

The enclosure addresses all the concerns in your January 20 letter and provides an update regarding replacement of fire equipment at SR.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-7709, or Dr. Steven L. Krahn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety and Security Program at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Inés R. Triay".

Inés R. Triay
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

Enclosure

