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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the "Quarterly Report for the Implementation Plan Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 98-2, Accelerating Safety Management Improvements at the Pantex Plant," for the period July 1 through September 30, 2003.

During this reporting period, the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration made progress toward completion of the 98-2 commitments and provided the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board a copy of the Pantex Plant Technical Safety Requirement (TSR) Integrated Implementation Plan (IIP) in fulfillment of Commitment 4.3.3, "Develop Improved Site-Wide Technical Safety Requirement Controls for On-Site Transportation of Nuclear Explosives," and received and implemented accelerated critical tooling for the W88 weapon program, a milestone under Commitment 4.4.7. Enclosed is a copy of the final report "NNSA Pantex Site Office Readiness Assess Transportation Safety Analysis Report Module I Group II Implementation." The remaining Transportation Phase I controls have been incorporated into the Pantex Plant TSR IIP. Since the W78 accelerated tooling deliverable has been incorporated into Commitment 4.4.5, we request that Commitment 4.4.7 be closed. Twenty-two out of twenty-seven commitments have been delivered and five remain outstanding.

If you have questions, please me at 202-586-4879 or have your staff contact Ms. Debbie Volk at 505-845-5106.

Sincerely,

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