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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004-2941

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) report, *Assessment Report for Design Agency Implementation of DOE-NA-STD-3016-2006, Hazard Analysis Reports for Nuclear Explosive Operations*. This report fulfills an NNSA commitment to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board articulated in the NNSA letter of November 23, 2007, regarding NNSA actions to ensure proper Design Agency implementation of Standard 3016.

The Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application and Stockpile Operations, Mr. Steve Goodrum, transmitted the Assessment Report to the Design Agencies through the respective site offices and notified them of NNSA's expectation that the subject procedures will be revised to address the findings in this report by May 30, 2008. NNSA intends to ensure that the revised procedures adequately address the substance of each finding.

The review, covered by the enclosed report, extended only to the Design Agency procedures, and not to their implementation. The implementation of the procedures will be reviewed through normal site office and Headquarters oversight activities, as the procedures are used to develop weapons responses.

If you have any comments or feedback, please call me or Mr. Goodrum at 202-586-4879.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Ostendorff".

William C. Ostendorff
Principal Deputy Administrator

Enclosure

