



**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 23, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan (Plan) for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) Recommendation 2008-1, *Safety Classification of Fire Protection Systems*.

This Plan provides the Department's approach for evaluating the design of fire protection systems used in nuclear safety and other critical applications and to develop additional design and operational criteria for these systems for incorporation into DOE directives as appropriate.

DOE appreciates the support provided by the Board and its staff during the development of this Plan. We will keep you and your staff informed of our progress in implementing the Plan.

We have assigned Mr. Andrew Lawrence, Director, Office of Nuclear Safety, Quality Assurance and Environment, as the Department's responsible manager for ensuring the Plan's successful completion. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Lawrence, at (202) 586-6740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel Bodman".

Samuel W. Bodman

Enclosure