



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

October 23, 2008

The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a change in our plans for developing a Department of Energy (DOE)-wide schedule for implementing DOE Manual 441.1-1, *Nuclear Material Packaging Manual*. We now plan to provide the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) with this schedule in March 2009. The reason for this change is discussed in the enclosure to this letter.

Please contact me or Dr. James O'Brien, the Responsible Manager for DNFSB Recommendation 2005-1, *Nuclear Material Packaging*, at (301) 903-1408 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel W. Bodman".

Samuel W. Bodman

Enclosure



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