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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

REQUEST FOR EXTENTION TO PROVIDE THE UPDATED LISTING OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENGERGY (DOE) PERSONNEL

In December 2002, the DOE committed on behalf of the Federal Technical Capability Panel to provide the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) with an updated list of personnel filling positions as subject matter experts at the DOE's field and area offices. On January 28, 2003, DOE briefed Board staff and provided a draft of the updated listing. Based on this briefing, I am requesting an additional 8 weeks to ensure that the listing fully addresses the Board's concerns. I look forward to continued interactions with the Board in finalizing this matter.

If you have questions, please contact me, (509) 376-6677.

Sincerely,

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Federal Technical Capability Panel

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