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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:

The purpose of this letter is to report on the closure of commitment 4.3.3 in the Implementation Plan for the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board Recommendation 98-2, "Accelerating Safety Management Improvements at the Pantex Plant."

The Transportation Safety Analysis Report (TSAR) Implementation Plan was integrated with plans to implement other new Safety Analysis Report controls (reference enclosure) in an effort to consolidate and coordinate available resources. The controls for implementing the TSAR can be found in implementation Groups 1 and 5. Therefore, it is our contention this meets the intent of the commitment.

If you have further questions, please call Mr. Marty Schoenbauer on 202-586-1730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Beck".

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