



**Department of Energy**  
**National Nuclear Security Administration**  
Washington, DC 20585  
March 9, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my February 3, 2004, transmission of deliverable 4.6.1 of the Department's implementation plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2002-3 we advised you that by February 27, 2004, we would transmit the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) portion of the commitment or advise you of the date by which we would provide it.

The initial LANL response received in late February was incomplete and has been returned to the contractor for further action. We plan to transmit the LANL portion of deliverable 4.6.1 by March 31, 2004.

If you have any questions about the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) portion of commitment 4.6.1, or about our path forward on NNSA actions under the implementation plan, please contact me or have your staff contact Jeff Underwood at (301) 903-8303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everet H. Beckner".

Everet H. Beckner  
Deputy Administrator  
for Defense Programs

cc  
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