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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Acting Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700
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Dear Dr. Eggenberger:

This letter provides a status of two commitments in the Department's implementation plan for Recommendation 2002-3 on administrative controls. Commitment 4.5 calls for document reviews of Specific Administrative Controls (SACs) and a report to the Secretary of Energy by December 30, 2004. Commitment 4.6.2 calls for implementation reviews of SACs and a report to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) by June 30, 2005. The enclosed NNSA correspondence of November 25, 2003, describes how these reviews were to be conducted and documented.

As described in the Department's implementation plan, the document reviews were integrated with the review and approval of safety basis documents and/or annual updates and the implementation reviews were integrated with normal safety basis implementation or operational oversight. NNSA sites conducted these reviews in a manner that ensured that all SACs in currently approved and implemented 10 CFR 830 Documented Safety Analyses were reviewed. A single data sheet for each SAC or logical grouping of SACs documented the scheduled completion, the audit trail and results of both reviews. The enclosed Compact Disk (CD) contains the final data sheets.

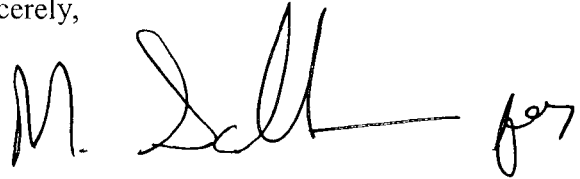
The report of the 4.5 reviews to the Secretary will include NNSA's assessment of the extent to which NNSA relies upon SACs for nuclear safety and recommendations for reducing that reliance. The final report on 4.6.2 reviews will describe how NNSA will track corrective actions and reviews integrated into Readiness Assessments not yet conducted. The 4.6.2 submission will also outline NNSA's plans to evaluate the effectiveness of both reviews. We expect to transmit both deliverables by August 31, 2005.

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If you have any questions about this submission or about our path forward on this or other NNSA obligations under the implementation plan, please contact me or have your staff contact Jeff Underwood at 301-903-8303.

Sincerely,

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