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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585


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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

As a follow-on to my letter to you, dated March 4, 2005, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is committed to working closely with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board to conduct a top-down review of the Nuclear Explosive Safety directives. To this end, the Office of Nuclear Weapon Surety and Quality, NA-121, will meet with your staff, Jim McConnell, the NNSA Chief of Defense Nuclear Safety, and personnel from the Albuquerque Service Center / Nuclear Explosive Safety Division in the Washington D. C. area in June 2005. Jim McConnell agrees with this course of action and will support this effort.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Chuck Westfall at 301-903-4051.

Sincerely,

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