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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTIVE TO THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY

BOARD

FROM:

JAMES McCONNELL

CHIEF OF DEFENSE NÚCLEAR SAFETY, NNSA

SUBJECT:

Transfer of NNSA Lead for DOE Implementation Plan for

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation

2004-2, Active Confinement Systems

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform your office of a change in the NNSA lead for executing the commitments and deliverables associated with DOE's Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2004-2, *Active Confinement Systems*. In part, the Office of Chief of Defense Nuclear Safety was established to be provide technical nuclear safety leadership on cross-cutting nuclear safety issues, and this has been effectively accomplished as part of establishing the Safety Related Ventilation System Evaluation Guidance (deliverable 8.5.4). The remaining deliverables focus on executing that guidance, which generally falls under the purview of our line offices.

My office will continue to provide assistance, as needed, as part of our overall operational awareness responsibilities.

The overall technical lead NNSA will be Xavier Ascanio.

cc: X. Ascanio

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