



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On October 3, 2005, the Department of Energy (DOE) advised you of the issuance of DOE O 226.1, *Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy*, and the completion of Commitment 4B in the Department's 2004-1 Implementation Plan. In the process of developing this Order, the Department evaluated impacts on other nuclear safety directives and identified four directives that needed to be revised or developed. One of these directives was DOE O 470.2B, *Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance Program*.

The Department recently completed a review of the 2004-1 implementation plan actions and decided to modify DOE O 226.1. The planned revision to DOE 470.2B should reflect the modified DOE O 226.1, and also be coordinated with planned changes to be made to DOE O 414.1C, *Quality Assurance*, during the next scheduled review cycle for DOE O 414.1C in June 2007. We will include changes needed to accurately reflect and implement the DOE O 226.1 revision in DOE O 470.2B at the same time during the next scheduled revision of DOE O 414.1C.

Should you have further questions, please contact me at (301) 903-3777 or have your staff contact Dr. Patricia Worthington at (301) 903-5392.

Sincerely,

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