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The Honorable A.J. Eggenberger Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004-2941

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 2006, discussing some of the remaining activity-level work planning and control implementation issues by Fluor Hanford, Inc., at Richland. I was pleased to hear that Mr. Dae Y. Chung, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety Management and Operations and your senior staff were able to meet to discuss Environmental Management's approach and continuing efforts to strengthen work planning and control programs at our sites, including the lessons learned from the National Nuclear Security Administration sites.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 586-7709, or Dr. Inés R. Triay, Chief Operating Officer for Environmental Management at (202) 586-0738.

Sincerely,

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