



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) that Commitments 120E and 122E in the Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2000-1, Prioritization for Stabilizing Nuclear Materials, were completed on May 31, 2007, the date specified in the IP. The IP commitments are for completion of bulk sludge and final pass sludge removal from the K East Basin.

The corrective actions identified in the March 13, 2007, EM letter to the Board were successfully implemented and contributed to fully recovering the final pass cleaning and sludge transfer schedules. Each tank of consolidated sludge in K East Basin has been emptied to the maximum extent practicable resulting in a small heel being left in each of the four containers. This residual sludge was anticipated and planned for in the deactivation, decontamination, and demolition of the K East Basin. This satisfies Commitment 120E. A back-flushable filter system was not utilized for final pass cleaning. The sludge in the K East Basin North Load Out Pit, collected from cleaning of the sand filter, has been removed using the current sludge containerization system and transferred to the K West Basin storage tanks. Based on this, and the language of "if required" in the Commitment 122E, Commitment 122E was not performed but the conditions described have been satisfied.

If you have any comments or feedback, please contact me on (202) 586-0738, or Mr. Dae Y. Chung, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety Management and Operations, on (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inés Triay".

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