



**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

January 14, 2011

The Honorable Peter S. Winokur  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On October 29, 2010, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board issued Recommendation 2010-1, *Safety Analysis Requirements for Defining Adequate Protection for the Public and the Workers*. The Department of Energy's full response to this recommendation is currently under review. Many of the technical issues are complex and cross over areas of design, analysis, and standards, and as such, require a thorough review. Moreover, in places, the language of the Recommendation requires clarification and a better understanding of the Board's intent.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §2286d(b)(1), the Department requests an extension of up to 45 days to respond formally to this recommendation. Our response will be submitted no later than February 28, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Chu".

Steven Chu

