



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



January 16, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in reference to the Department of Energy's Annual Report on Nuclear Criticality Safety for Fiscal Year 2012 to meet the annual reporting requirement established for closure of Recommendation 97-2. This includes our response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) letter dated January 29, 2008, which outlined additional topics to address in the annual report.

This report is a compendium of input from multiple sites and program offices. The Department needs additional time to further review and validate inputs. An additional 30 days beyond the January 31, 2013, due date is needed to complete our response to the Board.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Dr. Jerry McKamy at (301) 903-7980 for issues related to the National Nuclear Security Administration or Mr. Todd Lapointe, Director for the Office of Safety Management, at (202) 586-4653 for Environmental Management-related issues.

Sincerely,

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