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Washington, DC 20585



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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter provides a final National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) response to Commitment 22D of the Department of Energy (DOE) Implementation Plan (IP) to Improve Oversight of Nuclear Operations, dated October 2006. This IP was in response to Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2004-1, *Oversight of Complex, High-Hazard Nuclear Operations*. Commitment 22D requires approved DOE Integrated Safety Management System Descriptions (ISMSD) that meet the requirements of DOE Manual (M) 450.4-1, *Integrated Safety Management System Manual*, for field offices with defense nuclear facilities.

Commitment 22D of the IP for Board Recommendation 2004-1 was required to be completed within six months of approval of the associated Secretarial Office ISMSD. The NNSA Administrator approved the NNSA Headquarters ISMSD on October 23, 2007. By late April 2008, all NNSA Site Offices with defense nuclear facilities had submitted their ISMSDs for information to the NNSA Office of Defense Programs. Following review by my staff, an interim response on August 21, 2008, informed you that five of the seven NNSA Site Office ISMSDs adequately met the associated DOE Manual 450.4-1 requirements. The remaining two Site Office ISMS Descriptions have been revised, approved by the Site Office Managers, and reviewed by my staff. These two copies have been provided to your staff for information. NNSA Site Office ISMSDs meet the requirements of DOE Manual (M) 450.4-1, *Integrated Safety Management System Manual*.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. James McConnell of the Office of Safety at 202-586-4379.

Sincerely,

For Robert L. Smolen
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