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October 26, 2004

The Honorable Spencer Abraham Secretary of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Abraham:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is in receipt of your October 25, 2004 letter requesting an extension of up to 45 more days beyond November 8, 2004 to submit an implementation plan for Recommendation 2004-1.

Please be advised that the Board concurs and agrees to such an extension.

Sincerely,

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John T. Conway Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker