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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Department of Energy Standard 1189 (DOE-STD-1189), *Integration of Safety into the Design Process*, was approved in March 2008. In a July 12, 2007, letter from the Deputy Secretary, the Department committed to complete the evaluation of current line item capital projects for defense nuclear facilities following approval to determine the degree of implementation of the Standard for these projects. The enclosure to this letter identifies the current and emerging National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) line item capital projects for Hazard Category 1, 2, and 3 defense nuclear facilities, and those aspects of DOE-STD-1189 that will be implemented for each project. The planned implementation of DOE-STD-1189 for the listed construction projects is consistent with the expectations outlined in the Deputy Secretary's letter. In several cases, evaluation of the individual project status and related safety documentation resulted in commitments to implement additional elements of DOE-STD-1189 beyond the minimum requirements. For future line item capital projects for Hazard Category 1, 2, and 3 defense nuclear facilities not included in the enclosure, DOE-STD-1189 will be fully implemented.

NNSA will continue to work with your staff to ensure that safety design concerns are resolved as early in the design process as feasible. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. James McConnell of the Office of Safety at 202-586/4379.

Sincerely,

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Principal Deputy Administrator

Enclosure

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