

**Department of Energy**  
National Nuclear Security Administration  
Washington, DC 20585

November 21, 2003

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW.  
Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:


Enclosed are the letters the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) received from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratories certifying processes exist for the selection, training, mentoring, and succession planning for weapons points-of-contact at the respective laboratories. Certification to NNSA was required by Commitment 4.2.4 in the Implementation Plan (IP) for the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2002-2, "U.S. Department of Energy Plan to Address and Resolve Weapons Laboratory Support of Defense Nuclear Complex."

The NNSA is reviewing the laboratory submittals and will brief the DNFSB in accordance with the IP. If you have questions, please contact me or Ms. Debra Volk at 505-845-5106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Schoenbauer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Martin J. Schoenbauer  
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Office of Nuclear Weapons Stockpile  
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3 Enclosures 

cc w/enclosures:  
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