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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter responds to your request of December 8, 2003, regarding National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Site Office Functions, Responsibilities and Authorities Manual (FRAM) and procedures, and safety-related Orders and standards, and supplemental directives. As committed in our letter of March 25, 2004, enclosed are all approved Site Office FRAMs and plans and schedules for revising site-specific supplemental directives and procedures except for those for the Los Alamos Site Office (LASO). Also enclosed are plans and schedules for revising NNSA Headquarters FRAM, safety-related Orders, standards and supplemental directives including those issued by former Albuquerque Operations Office.

The NNSA FRAM will be updated by October 15, 2004, to be consistent with Department of Energy (DOE) FRAM, DOE M 411.1C, issued in December 2003. The updated FRAM will include responsibilities and authorities for Software Quality Assurance, Nuclear Explosive Safety and Transportation Safety.

Los Alamos Site Office is currently updating its FRAM to incorporate recent management changes and is expected to submit it for my approval by August 13, 2004, along with the plans and schedules for revising site-specific supplemental directives and procedures. We will provide you the LASO submittal by October 15, 2004.

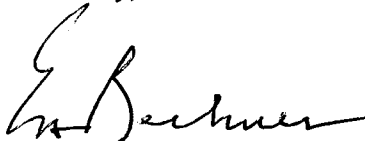
We believe the information contained in the enclosures are responsive to your request. We will provide you with additional information as we complete the major actions described in this package: (1) issuing the NNSA FRAM update (projected for October 15, 2004); (2) approving the LASO FRAM (projected for October 15, 2004); (3) providing recommendations on revisions to DOE Orders and Directives of interest to the Board (projected for October 15, 2004); (4) establishing dispositions on former Albuquerque



Operations Office directives (projected by December 3, 2004); and (5) approving updated Site Office FRAMS to be consistent with NNSA FRAM. The Site Offices will update their FRAMs within 90 days (projected by January 15, 2005) of the NNSA FRAM update.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Rabi Singh of my staff at (301) 903-5864.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Administrator
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Enclosures

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ENCLOSURES:

- 1. Plans & Schedules for Revising NNSA HQ FRAM, Safety-Related Orders, Standards and Directives, and Supplemental Directives Issued by Former Operations Office.**
- 2. Kansas City Site Office FRAM**
- 3. Livermore Site Office FRAM**
- 4. Los Alamos Site Office FRAM**
- 5. Nevada Site Office FRAM**
- 6. Pantex Site Office FRAM**
- 7. Sandia Site Office FRAM**
- 8. Savannah River Site Office FRAM**
- 9. Y-12 Site Office FRAM - Pls. call Rabi Singh at 301-903-5864 for a copy of this enclosure.**