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The Honorable John T. Conway
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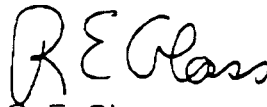
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Consistent with the Department's implementation plan (98-2 Plan) for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (The Board) Recommendation 98-2, the following commitment deliverables are enclosed.

1. Mason & Hanger (MHC) Plant Standards 7401 and 7403. Plant Standard 7401 has been issued and Plant Standard 7403 has been updated to reflect the Project Team Lead breadth of authority and accountability to the operating contractor management. These documents represent the deliverables for Commitment 5.1.1 of the 98-2 Plan addressing the sub-recommendation concerning MHC responsibilities in hazard analyses and control development.
2. The MHC Assessment Report including recommendations associated with tooling design, tooling procurement, and procedure development. The report and recommendations represent the deliverable for Commitment 5.2.3a of the 98-2 Plan addressing the sub-recommendation concerning the slow progress in archiving safety benefits from the SS-21 process. Implementation of the report recommendations will be addressed under separate cover at a later date consistent with Commitment 5.2.3b.
3. The MHC Authorization Basis (AB) Task Force Report. The report with its findings and recommendations represent the deliverable for Commitment 5.3.1a of the 98-2 Plan addressing the sub-recommendation concerning MHC responsibilities in hazard analyses and control development. Though the Department has been briefed on the report, an in-depth review has not been conducted. Any concerns found during the in-depth review will be reflected in the follow-on deliverable 5.3.1b, Corrective Action Plan to be provided at a later date.
4. The MHC Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunity, and Threats (SWOT) analysis for project management skills and preparing authorization basis documents. The analyses represent the deliverables for Commitments 5.8.1a and 5.8.3a of the 98-2 plan addressing the sub-recommendations concerning the slow progress in achieving safety benefits from the SS-21 process and MHC responsibilities in hazard analyses and control development.

Both SWOT analyses represent the first step toward compensatory measure action plans and long-term personnel plans to implement the results. The action and long-term personnel plans represent two future commitments due under 5.8.1 and 5.8.3 respectively that will be provided at later dates.

As identified herein, the Department has completed the actions within the commitments represented above and proposes closure of these commitments. If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Dan Glenn at 505-665-6028.



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