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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



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Dr. Peter Winokur, Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Dr. Winokur:

Since I was confirmed by the Senate as the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs in June 2010, I have been meeting with you and other members of the Board on a regular basis. A series of organizational changes within NNSA has been made over the past year. In September 2011, the position of Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management (APM) was created, and the line accountabilities for major construction projects beyond Critical Decision 2 were reassigned from Defense Programs to APM. In April 2012, the position of Associate Administrator for Infrastructure and Operations (NA-00) was created, and the line accountabilities for the NNSA Site Office Managers were reassigned from Defense Programs to NA-00. In August 2012, accountability for NNSA infrastructure that underpins both non-nuclear and nuclear facility operations was reassigned from Defense Programs to NA-00.

Given the cumulative effect of these changes, it is appropriate that the regular meetings we have had should cease and an NNSA representative in the line management of nuclear safety replace me. The Administrator will determine the appropriate representation shortly.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Cook
Deputy Administrator
for Defense Programs

cc:

Mr. Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator
Ms. Neile Miller, Principal Deputy Administrator

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