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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On October 3, 2005, the Department advised you of the issuance of DOE O 226.1, *Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy*, and the completion of Commitment 4B in the Department's 2004-1 Implementation Plan. In the process of developing this Order, the Department evaluated impacts on other nuclear safety directives and identified four directives that needed to be revised or developed. One of these directives was DOE O 414.1C, *Quality Assurance*.

Recently the Department completed a review of the 2004-1 implementation plan actions and decided to modify DOE O 226.1. The planned revision to DOE 414.1C should reflect the modified DOE O 226.1. The next scheduled review cycle for DOE O 414.1C is scheduled for June 2007. We will include changes needed to accurately reflect and implement the DOE O 226.1 revision in the next scheduled revision of DOE O 414.1C.

Should you have further questions, please contact me at (202) 586-4693 or have your staff contact Ms. Patrice Bubar at 301-903-8008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Russell H. Shearer".

C. Russell H. Shearer
Acting Assistant Secretary for
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