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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Dr. Eggenberger:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Recommendation 2004-2 Core Team has completed actions under Deliverable 8.5.2 of the Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2004-2, *Active Confinement Systems*. This deliverable required that we assemble a group of subject matter experts to develop appropriate performance and/or design expectations as input to a guidance document for performing the Safety Related Ventilation System Evaluation. This Recommendation 2004-2 subteam has been organized and is led by Mr. Robert C. Nelson, DOE-Office of River Protection. Team members supporting Mr. Nelson include:

Ron Bostic, RFPO R. T. Brock, DOE-NV Dae Chung, EM David Corporandi, DOE-LSO Al MacDougall, DOE-AL Richard Englehart, EH John Gertsen, DOE-YSO Howard Golden, DOE-NV Mark Jackson, DOE-AL Ken Keith, DOE-YSO Jeff Kimball, NNSA HQ Dave Lowe, contractor Michael Ortega, DOE-AL Louis Restrepo, contractor Ken Waltzer, DOE Pantex Thomas Wichmann, DOE-ID

We also formed a second group of subject matter experts, consisting of DOE and contractor personnel, for the purpose of developing cost benefit guidance to support the modification prioritization process. Mr. Jeff Kimball, National Nuclear Security Administration, leads this subteam and is assisted by the following personnel:

Steve Additon, contractor Paul Amico, contractor Ron Bostic, RFPO Richard Englehart, EH HQ Mary Haughey, EH HQ Jeff Woody, contractor We are confident these teams can provide substantive guidance for sites to utilize as we go forward with the actions supporting the Recommendation 2004-2 Implementation Plan, including the Workshop that is scheduled for October 18 and 19 at the Nevada Site Office.

We will keep your staff apprised of the arrangements for this Workshop. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 903-0104.

Sincerely,

Richard Black

Director

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