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Dr. Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the third 9212 Continued Safe Operating Oversight Team (CSOOT) Annual Report for the period of March 2009 through February 2010. This report is a requirement under Commitment SL07-004. As shown in the report, no safety issues or performance trends were identified that would provide reason for limiting operations at 9212 Complex.

The CSOOT identified several positive performance indications, due to a significant overall improvement in 9212 operational availability. However, parts of 9212 have been in operation for nearly 60 years, and constant vigilance of the aging facility is required to ensure safety is not compromised and the risk for continued operation of 9212 remains acceptable.

The team identified concerns and developed corresponding recommendations, as documented in the report. Recommendations focus on achieving sustained funding levels for Facility Risk Reduction maintenance and spare parts as decreased reliability of aging systems is anticipated, and on reevaluation of funding to replace the Holden Gas Furnace, which is instrumental in processing material from across the site.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-2179 or James McConnell, of my staff, at (202) 586-4379.

Sincerely,

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