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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been asked by the Administrator to inform you that the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has completed Phase 1 and Phase 2 assessments of the Safety Management Programs (SMP) and safety related Structures, Systems, and Components (SSC) at the Device Assembly Facility (DAF) at the Nevada Test Site. The enclosed letter from the Manager of the Nevada Site Office (NSO) summarizes and reports the completion of tasks committed in the related April 26, 2006 letter, from NNSA to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board). The assessments resulted in the identification of a number of important safety issues that were addressed by resultant corrective action plans.

The NSO regularly briefed your staff during the conduct of the SMP assessments and provided your staff with copies of all assessment reports. We would be happy to set up a briefing to the Board should you desire further dialogue on DAF, the SMP assessments, and resultant corrective actions. If you have questions, please contact me or Michael Thompson of my staff at (301) 903-8064.

Sincerely,

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for Operations
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Enclosure

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