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Mr. Roy Kasdorf Nuclear Facility Design and Infrastructure Group Lead Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Kasdorf:

This letter is in response to your March 16, 2009, letter which contained the Finding Form documenting the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's issues on the topic entitled "PDSA and Safety Strategy – Inadequate Identification of Safety-Related Controls, Functional Requirements, and Performance Criteria".

As you requested, we have completed this Form and have attached it to this letter with the applicable supporting documentation.

We look forward to continuing to work with you during your review of the design of the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Facility (CMRR) design needed to support the Board's CMRR Certification to Congress as specified in Section 3112 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Patrick Rhoads (202) 586-7859.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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