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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Commitment 4.1.1 of DNFSB Recommendation 98-2 Implementation Plan as revised states, "The Department will revise the BIO/SAR Program Plan to include all of the project plans, schedules, and resources necessary to accomplish generic safety improvements. This includes out-year schedules to achieve full compliance with DOE Order 5480.22 and 5480.23, and the associated resource estimates and schedules for implementation of safety improvements needed in administrative controls and tooling, or equipment upgrades. The BIO/SAR Program Plan will also include schedules for performing nuclear explosive safety (NES) master studies aligned with the upgrade modules." This commitment is a follow-on from the original approved implementation plan commitment 5.1.1. The revised implementation plan assigned a new delivery date of August 2000.

Enclosed is the memorandum from the Amarillo Area Office Manager approving the Fiscal Year 2001 Authorization Basis (AB) Upgrade Program Plan. Approval of the program plan represents completion of the referenced commitment 4.1.1. As changes occur to the program plan, the Department will keep the Board apprised.

The Department has completed the commitment represented above and proposes closure of this commitment. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-845-6050, or have your staff contact Dan Glenn at 806-477-3182.

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