

Department of Energy

National Nuclear Security Administration

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Consistent with the Department of Energy's Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2002-2, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems, I am forwarding an initial Phase II assessment report for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), TA-48 Facility RC-1 Fire Sprinkler System and TA-55 Facility PF-4 Fire Detection System. This report also includes the LANL Comprehensive Fire Safety Review for Facility RC-1 at TA-48 and Facility PF-4 at TA-55. It is noted that these reviews were completed in cooperation with the Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Office of Performance Assessment and Analysis. Initial Phase II reports from the remaining National Nuclear Security Administration sites will be forwarded as they are completed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-2179 or have your staff contact Mr. Jeff Kimball at (301) 903-6413.

Sincerely,

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for Defense Programs

Enclosure

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