

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, N.W. 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 2000-2, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems, I am forwarding an initial Phase II Assessment Report from the Nevada Operations Office, Waste Examination Facility, Visual Examination and Repackaging Building, Confinement Ventilation System. The final initial Phase II Report from Sandia National Laboratories will be forwarded upon completion.

If you have 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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