

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:

With this letter, I am pleased to report on-schedule completion of two of the Los Alamos National Laboratory's commitments found in the Department's 00-1 Implementation Plan (Revision 2). The commitments proposed for closure are as follows:

501 Complete stabilization of all solutions - December 2002

503 Complete stabilization of nitrides and cellulose rags - December 2002

We continue to closely track progress on all Recommendation 00-1 commitments and will keep you and your staff apprised of our progress. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-2179.

Sincerely,

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