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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is a follow-up to my October 13, 2005, letter concerning National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Policy Letters. That letter committed to provide a timeline for execution and implementation actions.

On November 29, 2005, the Office of Management released the following documents into RevCom for review: DOE P 251.1X, "Directives Policy Program;" DOE O 251.1X, "DOE Directives Program;" and DOE M 252.1-1X, "DOE Directives Program Manual." The comment review period ended January 30, 2006.

According to the directives website and the normal operating practices, the schedule following close of the comment period will proceed as follows:

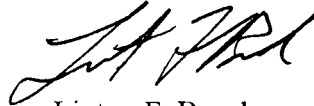
Comment resolution - 60 days.
Concurrence - 10 days.
Non-concurrence (if necessary) - 15 days.
Administrative processing time - 5 days.

Based on the above schedule, these documents should be complete by the end of April 2006. Following approval by the Secretary, NNSA will proceed with implementation of the draft "Proposal for Revising NNSA's Directives System."



We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the Board has an opportunity to review the NNSA directives that affect health and safety at defense nuclear facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linton F. Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Linton F. Brooks
Administrator

cc:

M. Whitaker, Jr., DR-1