



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

November 22, 2006

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:

The Department of Energy has updated its *Implementation Plan to Improve Nuclear Materials Packaging*, developed in response to Board recommendation 2005-1, *Nuclear Materials Packaging*. This update reflects changes in schedules for deliverables that are necessary due to the larger than anticipated effort needed to resolve comments and complete development of the proposed nuclear materials packaging manual. The revised schedule is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. James O'Brien, our responsible manager for plan implementation, at (301) 903-1408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel Bodman".

Samuel W. Bodman

Enclosure



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Revision to DNFSB Recommendation 2005-1 Implementation Plan

Deliverable: Submit packaging (and/or rulemaking) storage criteria document(s) into Department Directives Systems for DOE-wide review and approval.

Initial Date: June 30, 2006

Revised Date: February 28, 2007

Deliverable: Issue packaging and storage criteria directive intent in letter to all sites.

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Note: Although DOE did provide the DNFSB with the “Repackaging Risk Prioritization Methodology” in March 2006 as originally scheduled, DOE is further evaluating comments provided on this methodology from the DNFSB and, if warranted, will issue a revision by February 28, 2007.