



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable A.J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2941

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit the Office of Environmental Management (EM) Pilot Facility Review Reports as the deliverable to satisfy Commitment 8.6.5 of the *Department of Energy Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2004-2, Active Confinement Systems*, August 2005. Per commitment 8.6.5, as the Program Secretarial Officer these reports have been coordinated with the Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment Central Technical Authority for concurrence and approval on disposition of gaps and upgrades identified in the evaluations.

As part of the EM review of the Pilot Facility Reports, additional scrutiny was placed on the initial gap analysis performed during the evaluation of the Savannah River Site Actinide Removal Process including a site visit by the EM Independent Review Panel (IRP) lead. Results of these additional reviews did not change the original conclusion of the report, but did generate a lessons learned with respect to detail necessary for future evaluations. EM will work to assure that these lessons learned are incorporated into future 2004-2 reviews by EM field activities along with any future clarification of the 2004-2 Evaluation Guidelines.

If you have any comments or feedback, please call me at (202) 586-0738 or Mr. Dae Y. Chung, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety Management and Operations, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inés R. Triay".

Dr. Inés R. Triay
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Enclosures

IRP Report - NWCF: New Waste Calcining Facility Ventilation System Pilot Evaluation

IRP Report - ARP: Actinide Removal Process Ventilation System Pilot Evaluation



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