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Mr. Roy Kasdorf  
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Dear Mr. Kasdorf:

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) has completed a comprehensive review of the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement (CMRR) Project Preliminary Documented Safety Analysis (PDSA), March 2009, revision G-3. Subsequently LASO has recently issued a Preliminary Safety Validation Report (PSVR) approving this PDSA with Conditions of Approval (COA). A copy of the PSVR is enclosed. Both the PDSA and PSVR are key components in NNSA's approach in supporting CMRR Certification to Congress as specified in Section 3112 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

In separate correspondence, my office has transmitted completed Finding Forms to resolve open issues identified by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. Direct references are made in these Finding Forms to the PSVR COAs and provide corresponding schedules for resolving these COAs. It is our intent that the PSVR and completed Finding Forms will provide the framework for NNSA to communicate its commitment to take the actions necessary for certification.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff contact Patrick Rhoads at (202) 586-7859.

Sincerely,

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