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Ms. Liz Woodruff
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Dear Ms. Woodruff:

Thank you for your December 1, 2009, letter regarding the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 2009-2, *Los Alamos National Laboratory Plutonium Facility Seismic Safety*. We have forwarded your letter to the Department of Energy for consideration in drafting their response to the recommendation.

The Board will continue oversight of the Plutonium Facility and the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement project, as well as all other defense nuclear facilities located at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

From time to time, the Board has convened public hearings in Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning health and safety issues related to defense nuclear facilities at LANL. Should the Board, in its discretion, decide to convene a future hearing at LANL with respect to matters within the Board's jurisdiction, the Board will notify you promptly so that you have an opportunity to be heard.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your concerns.

Sincerely,

John E. Mansfield, Ph.D.
Vice Chairman

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