



Department of Energy

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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On December 31, 2009, Environmental Management (EM) provided the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) with a series of reports to fulfill commitment 8.6.5 of Recommendation 2004-2, *Confinement Ventilation*. At that time we committed to perform a cross cutting review of potential ventilation system upgrades by June 25, 2010. This review was completed and the review report issued on June 25, 2010. The review report (Enclosure 2) has been shared with your staff.

When EM submitted the reports in December, 2009, we noted some reports that needed to be revised to incorporate the correct evaluation criteria and that additional effort was needed to ensure that an appropriate confinement ventilation system was designed for the U-233 Project. The revised reports are enclosed as well as the follow up documents for the U-233 project. Enclosure 1 to this letter provides a list and brief description of the reports and documents.

EM plans to update the Board within one year regarding our progress in achieving closure of ventilation system gaps for the six top priority facilities that are identified in Enclosure 2.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. Steven L. Krahn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety and Security Program at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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