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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in reference to your December 13, 2011, letter concerning the results of a review performed by members of your staff of the design, functionality, and maintenance of selected safety systems at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The Board requested a report and briefing within 60 days addressing their concerns, and a final report within one year describing the actions that National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has taken.

While the initial report and briefing have been provided, the NNSA needs an additional 60 days for further management review of the final report responses.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (202) 586-4379.

Sincerely,

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