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Washington, DC 20585



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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 June 18, 2012, letter concerning the Plutonium Facility at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The letter provided Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) concerns with identified deficiencies in Revision 1 of the 2011 Documented Safety Analysis for the Plutonium Facility. The Board requested a report and briefing within 30 days addressing the deficiencies.

In order to develop a response that adequately addresses the Board's issues, the National Nuclear Security Administration and LANL need an additional 45 days beyond the requested 30-day timeframe.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (202) 586-2179, or Mr. James J. McConnell, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Nuclear Safety, Nuclear Operations, and Governance Reform, at (202) 586-4379.

Sincerely,

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