

## Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration

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, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in reference to your August 30, 2012, letter concerning the development, review, and approval of safety control strategies for nuclear operations at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The Board requested a report and briefing within 60 days addressing their concerns.

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) needs an additional 30 days for further development and management review of the responses.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (202) 586-4379.

Sincerely,

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