

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585 May 18, 2012

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 response to the April 3, 2012, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) letter requesting a report and a briefing on the approach to be used to resolve issues with the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) project's FLUENT model.

This letter is to notify you that an additional 60 days beyond the May 18, 2012, due date is requested and needed to complete our response to the Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Matthew Moury, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security, and Quality Programs, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

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