The Honorable Joyce L. Connery  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Madam Chairman:

This letter is to inform you that the Department has completed or partly completed actions related to the Department’s Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2014-1, Emergency Preparedness and Response.

a. The Department has completed actions related to the development of a Baseline Emergency Management Criteria and Review Approach Document (CRAD), discussed in Section 6.1.1.2. The deliverable for this action is a copy of the draft Baseline Emergency Management CRAD. A copy of the CRAD is enclosed.

b. The Department has partly completed actions related to the development of a training course related to use of the Baseline Emergency Management CRAD, discussed in Section 6.1.1.2. The emergency Operations Training Academy developed course CRAD200DW, which is available on its website. The current course is a “beta” version. We expect to complete revisions to the course and have it available for full use by May 3, 2016.

c. The Office of Safeguards, Security, and Emergency Management (EM-44), under the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, will use portions of the Baseline Emergency Management CRAD during its assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Emergency Management Program, April 18 - 21, 2016. This will be the first activity in the pilot testing of the Baseline Emergency Management CRAD.

d. In accordance with our commitment in Section 6.1.1.2 of the Department’s Implementation Plan, all members of the EM-44 assessment team completed CRAD200DW prior to the beginning of the WIPP assessment. In addition, approximately 20 other personnel have completed the course as of April 14, 2016.
If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-9892.

Sincerely,

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