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The Honorable Joyce L. Connery
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Madam Chairman:

Enclosed are the deliverables for the first quarter milestones plus an Executive Summary on the status of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan (IP) responding to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2015-1, *Emergency Preparedness and Response at the Pantex Plant*. As expected, the IP is serving as a catalyst for improvement. The most significant accomplishment in the first quarter was the issuance of the Emergency Planning Hazards Survey and Emergency Planning Hazards Assessment. These documents represent the first approved technical basis since 2008 and will serve as a foundation for further improvement. Also during this quarter was the initial deployment of the Emergency Management Information System, EMInS, an effective, automated tool for communicating emergency-related information. Several other improvements have occurred, to include staff augmentation with much needed skills and expertise and implementation of enhanced program processes.

Notwithstanding this progress, the program requires further improvement. Our emphasis remains on being self-critical and considering how to sustain program performance beyond the timeframe of the IP. In the execution of the IP, to include an emergency management exercise on August 24, 2016, that you observed, we have identified many opportunities for improvements. These needed improvements are briefly discussed in the enclosed Executive Summary that explains the various IP deliverables that comprise this first report.

We look forward to continued positive interactions with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact me (865) 576-0752.

Sincerely,



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Manager

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Enclosures:

1. (OUO) Executive Summary
2. (OUO) Milestone 6.1.1 – Staffing Study, Emergency Management Position Descriptions and Job Requirements
3. (OUO) Milestone 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 – Updated 5-Year (2016-2020) Exercise Schedule
4. (UCNI) Milestone 6.1.3 – Contractor Assessment Report
5. Milestone 6.1.4 – Published Drill and Exercise Hot Wash Checklist
6. Milestone 6.1.4 – NPO Evaluate Oversight Process and Oversight Planning Process
7. Milestone 6.1.4 – NPO 3.4.1.1 Oversight Process
8. Milestone 6.1.4 – NPO-20 Survey & Self-Assessment Guide
9. (OUO) Milestone 6.1.4 Evaluation – Critical Criteria NPO
10. (OUO) Milestone 6.3.1, 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 – Memo to Emergency Management Department Manager on Recommendations (EALs and Protective Actions)
11. Milestone 6.3.4 – Emergency Planning Hazard Survey, Emergency Planning Hazards Assessment, and Emergency Action Levels
12. (UCNI) Milestone 6.3.4 – Revised Hazards Assessment
13. (UCNI) Milestone 6.3.4 – Approval Letters of EPHS/EPHA from NPO
14. CD Containing Above-Mentioned Deliverables

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Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Implementation Plan Milestones

List of Deliverables

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