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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
 Chairman
 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you an update on our path forward and schedule for achieving full implementation of the Site Office Quality Assurance Programs (QAPs) as committed in our letter of December 6, 2005, on Commitment 10A of the Department's 2004-1 Implementation Plan. Five site offices have developed updates to their QAPs to incorporate the requirements of DOE Order 414.1C, Quality Assurance. We are in the process of reviewing and approving updated QAPs for Livermore Site Office, Sandia Site Office, Savannah River Site Office, Y-12 Site Office, and Kansas City Site Office. We expect similar updated QAPs from Nevada Site Office by February 2006, Pantex Site Office by March 2006, and Los Alamos Site Office by June 2006. We plan to perform peer reviews of the Site Office QAP implementation in September 2006, as a part of the Roadmap for Nuclear Facility Quality Assurance Excellence.

Should you have any questions, please contact Rabi Singh at (301) 903-5864.

Sincerely,

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