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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Deliverables 5.2.2 and 5.3.2 of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2009-2, Los Alamos National Laboratory [LANL] Plutonium Facility Seismic Safety, were due to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) on May 31, 2011. The Los Alamos National Security (LANS) submittals have been received by the National Nuclear Security Administration. However, in light of the Justification for Continued Operations recently submitted by LANS to address related seismic structural and system performance issues, we need an additional 30 days to review the submittals.

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

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Sincerely,

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