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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0504

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member
Sub-Committee on Energy
and Water Development
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-4206

Dear Chairman Feinstein and Ranking Member Alexander

I am writing to you with an update regarding the implementation of Title IV of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Public Law 112-74, which provided that:

[W]ithin 90 days of enactment of this Act, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board shall enter into an agreement for inspector general services with the Office of Inspector General for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal years 2012 and 2013: *Provided further*, That at the expiration of such agreement, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board shall procure inspector general services annually thereafter.

In efforts to enter into an agreement for inspector general services, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has had extensive discussions with the Office of the Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Offices of the Inspector General of ten other agencies, and the Council of Inspectors General for Government Integrity (CIGI). To date, these efforts by the Board to enter into an agreement for inspector general services appropriate to the Board's operation and size have been unsuccessful.

The Board notes that there are differing provisions concerning inspector general services for the Board in the Senate and House versions of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (S.2465 and H.R. 5325). As these differences are resolved, the Board will work to obtain inspector general services consistent with congressional direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Winokur". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
Chairman