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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:

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2012-1 Implementation Plan (IP) Deliverable 1.1

This letter transmits a deliverable consistent with Commitment 1.1 of the Department of Energy's IP for DNFSB Recommendation 2012-1, "Savannah River Site (SRS) Building 235-F Safety." The deliverable is the Deactivation Project Plan associated with the remediation of the Plutonium Fuel Form (PuFF) facility cells/glove boxes that contain the majority of contamination.

The Deactivation Project Plan also commits to more detailed analyses of residual material at risk in other areas of Building 235-F. Although the current plan focuses on remediating the PuFF facility the Department recognizes that additional areas of Building 235-F may need to be addressed in order to achieve the closure criteria described in the Recommendation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 the Department will determine the degree to which the remaining areas will need to be remediated.

Project schedule execution remains uncertain following delays resulting from formal FY 2013 reprogramming actions needed at the SRS to fund mission critical work, including committed 235-F activities. Therefore, the expected completion for the removal of fixed combustibles, electrical de-energization, and the restoration of cells 6-9 infrastructure deliverables (Commitments 1-3, 2a-3 and 2b-2) are currently projected to be delayed several months due to recent contractor furloughs and reduced work schedules. The specific dates will be provided upon completion of the facility resumption plan.

Based on recent review of the draft 235-F Basis for Interim Operation (BIO) for Deactivation by my staff, the contractor has been directed to incorporate additional safety controls into the document, therefore delaying Commitment 1-2 until October 31, 2013. The BIO delay will not impact the start of in-cell work that is forecasted to begin April 2014.

If you have any questions please contact me, or have your staff contact Patrick McGuire, Assistant Manager for the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Project at (803) 208-3927.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Moody".

David C. Moody
Manager

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Honorable Winokur

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