

**Department of Energy**

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SAFETY BOARD

The Honorable John E. Mansfield
Vice-Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Vice-Chairman:

This letter is to update you on the status of completion of Commitments 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 in the Department of Energy (DOE) *Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2007-01*, dated October 24, 2007.

Commitments 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 are to conduct Environmental Management (EM) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) state-of-the-practice reviews per the schedule established in Commitments 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 with the assistance of the Nondestructive Assay (NDA) Technical Support Group. In a letter dated December 22, 2008, the Department submitted a tentative schedule for conducting the state-of-the-practice reviews. At this time, all site reviews have been completed. Reports documenting the results of the reviews will be completed by October 30, 2009, and provided to you under separate letter.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (301) 903-4218.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lagdon, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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