

## Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Energy (DOE) Annual Report on Nuclear Criticality Safety for Calendar Year 2010 is due to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by January 31, 2011. DOE has been diligently reviewing the draft report, and in order to fully address internal technical comments, an extension of up to 45 days is requested for submitting this report.

If you have any further questions, please contact James McConnell, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Nuclear Safety, Nuclear Operations, and Governance Reform at (202) 586-4379.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Administrator

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