Dear Mr. Chairman:

On August 18, 2000, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) forwarded a report documenting the Board's review of the Y-12 Plant Fire Protection Program (FPP). Defense Programs provided an interim response on April 20, 2001, that described a suite of near-term actions and the detail on $1.2 million in high-priority work scheduled for fiscal year 2001. The April 20, 2001, letter also announced the establishment of an FPP Task Team to identify fire protection deficiencies and prepare a report and corrective action plan for the Y-12 Area Office and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

The NNSA field and Headquarters staff have reviewed the proposed "Project Management Plan for the Y-12 Fire Protection Program Comprehensive Corrective Action Plan" and concur in its contents. The NNSA believes that this management plan provides a foundation for a program that will lead to the correction of longstanding FPP deficiencies at the Y-12 Plant. Additionally, the site is making significant progress in accomplishing the scheduled high priority work.

The NNSA and BWXT Y-12 are prepared to brief the Board on this plan during September 2001 and will work with Board staff to arrange a briefing date. If there are questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. David Beck at 202-586-4879.

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