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Mr. David C. Lee Acting Inspector General Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Office of the Inspector General (OIG) 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Lee:

In the Inspector General's *Audit of DNFSB's Resident Inspector Program* (DNFSB-17-A-05), the Inspector General developed two recommendations for the DNFSB. The second recommendation directed the Board to, "Develop and implement a formal, transparent process for annually making recommendations to the Board regarding which defense nuclear sites will have resident inspectors, along with the staffing of those sites."

The Office of the Technical Director (OTD) has developed a formal, transparent process for annually determining the resident inspector staffing at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. The Technical Director has provided this information to you previously.

Board Members will review this and subsequent annual proposals that the Technical Director is required to submit to the Board for consideration and action. Transparency is provided by public posting of Board member votes and, where provided, associated comments consistent with the Board's current procedures. Given the work the Agency has completed on this recommendation and the new process OTD has established, we ask that you formally close this recommendation for the Inspector General's *Audit of DNFSB's Resident Inspector Program* (DNFSB-17-A-05).

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton

Chairman

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