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August 3, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu Secretary of Energy U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Chu:

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(a), the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) published Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*, in the Federal Register and invited comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Recommendation from interested persons by July 20, 2011.

The <u>enclosed comments</u> concerning Recommendation 2011-1 have been received by the Board and made available to the public on the Board's internet web site. As required by 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(c), the comments are being provided to you for your consideration and use in developing your implementation plan for Recommendation 2011-1.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D. Chairman

cc: Mrs. Mari-Jo Campagnone

Enclosure