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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D. Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, SW Suite # 700 Washington, DC 20004

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter describes progress the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has made regarding the DOE's Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2011-1, *Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant*.

Regarding Action 2-10 of the IP, NNSA senior managers have conducted numerous meetings with employees at defense nuclear facilities to emphasize the importance of maintaining a strong safety culture and solicit employee input. NNSA considers this IP Action closed. Open communication and leadership focus on safety is an ongoing element of NNSA's safety culture sustainment efforts.

Regarding Action 2-12 of the Department's IP, all NNSA defense nuclear facility sites have submitted their site sustainment plans, which describe the safety culture tools each site proposes to use to improve and sustain safety culture. The enclosure to this letter includes the sustainment plans proposed by each site. NNSA considers this IP Action closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-5555 or James McConnell, Acting Associate Administrator for Infrastructure and Operations, at (202) 586-8246.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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