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The Honorable Monica Regalbuto
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Dr. Regalbuto:

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286b(d), the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board requests a briefing from the Department of Energy within 30 days on the safety of operations at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. In specific, we would like to be briefed on the safety of operations, formal resolution of conclusions and judgments of need identified by the Accident Investigation Board, and verification of readiness to restart including the findings from the recent operational readiness review.

Sincerely,


Joyce L. Connery
Chairman

c: Mr. Joe Olencz