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Joni Arends  
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Dear Ms. Arends:

Thank you for your May 19, 2009, memorandum summarizing an April 23, 2009, meeting between representatives of your organization and the staff of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board). At this meeting, you provided information on possible seismic issues at the site of the proposed Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement (CMRR) nuclear facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The evaluation of seismic hazards at CMRR is an important consideration in the Board's certification of the CMRR facility that was mandated in Section 3112 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2009.

The Board and its staff will carefully evaluate all of the information submitted by your organization at the referenced meeting. You should feel free to submit additional information at any time, keeping in mind the Board's certification process is limited by law to whether "concerns raised by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board regarding the design of CMRR safety class systems (including ventilation systems) and seismic issues have been resolved." The Board cannot comment on your analysis in advance of providing our conclusions to Congress and the public as a whole.

In a broader context, the Board is interested in any information that may affect the health and safety of collocated workers and the public due to potential hazards associated with defense nuclear facilities under its jurisdiction. This jurisdiction extends to defense nuclear facilities at LANL beyond CMRR. Please do not feel constrained to limit your discussions with us to that one facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.J. Eggenberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "E".

A. J. Eggenberger  
Chairman