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Ms. Mary Ann Rosenthal
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Dear Ms. Rosenthal:

I would like to thank you for your efforts during the past several years in coordinating the interface among the Defense Nuclear Facilities Board (Board), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and the Department of Energy. Your understanding of the Board's mission and style, along with your knowledge of LANL and your diplomatic ways of communicating, have made working with you and others at LANL a pleasure.

You also provided invaluable assistance to the Board's site representative at LANL both in establishing that office in August 2001 and in facilitating efficient day-to-day communication of emergent safety issues with the laboratory. Your efforts often contributed to the Department of Energy and LANL recognizing important safety issues raised by the Board and its staff and taking necessary and appropriate actions.

I wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. James W. Angelo
Mr. James L. Holt